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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (97-3844)  
FROM : SAC, MIAMI (97-139)  
SUBJECT:

PATRIOTIC CLUB OF JULY 26,  
MIAMI, FLORIDA, AND NEW YORK, NEW YORK  
REGISTRATION ACT  
NATIONALITY MATTERS

Re Miami letter to Bureau, 10/31/56.

There are being transmitted herewith to the Bureau twelve copies of a blank memorandum entitled "PATRIOTIC CLUB OF JULY 26, MIAMI, FLORIDA, AND NEW YORK, NEW YORK". One copy is being sent to New York and one to San Juan for information purposes in view of their interest in this subject matter.

[REDACTED]

On October 31, 1956, SA [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED] reported to [REDACTED] that following [REDACTED] They were alerted [REDACTED] of the Duke County Commission, where, unfortunately, his request was given considerable publicity.

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Director, FBI

11/5/56

Re: PATRIOTIC GAMES OF JULY 26,  
MIAMI, TAMPA, AND KEY WEST, FLORIDA  
SEIZURE AND  
NEUTRALITY MATTERS

On the following day newspaper articles appeared in both Miami newspapers concerning this incident. [redacted] was described as being [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that if there had been any doubt in the minds of certain Cuban exiles in Miami concerning [redacted]

[redacted] that any such doubt has been erased by this publicity. Because of the local situation, [redacted]

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[redacted] He expressed the opinion that there is a good possibility that some assassination attempt may be made [redacted]

[redacted] because in Miami [redacted] of BATISTA.

[redacted] has furnished the information furnished by him as contained in the attached blank memorandum to the Miami Office of U. S. Customs.

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On November 1, 1956, [redacted]

[redacted], advised SA [redacted] that his office plans to make a seizure of the weapons stored at the home [redacted] before they are transported to any Dominican boat.

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This office will continue to keep the Bureau currently advised of developments.

As the Bureau is aware, [redacted] is the [redacted]

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FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS DOMINICAN REPUBLIC  
COXX CUBAN POLITICAL MATTERS, FPM - CUBA AND D. R. TODAY

[REDACTED] WHO HAS BEEN VERY COOPERATIVE  
[REDACTED] MM RELATIVE TO CASE AND OTHERS, ADVISED SA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THAT HE HAS HIGHLY PLACED INFORMANT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CARLOS PRIO AND WHO IS NOW [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] RELATIVE TO  
FORTHCOMING REVOLUTIONARY ACTION PLANNED JOINTLY BY PRIO,  
TRUJILLO AND FIDEL CASTRO AGAINST BATISTA. [REDACTED]

UNABLE TO ESTABLISH MEANS COMMUNICATION WITH THIS INFORMANT  
AND HAS REQUESTED ASSISTANCE FBI [REDACTED] (c) INFORMANT FEELS

[REDACTED] BELIEVES INFORMANT MAY BE [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] WILL SHARE WITH U. S. GOVT.

INFO IN POSSESSION THIS INFORMANT AND WILL ADVISE CONCERNING  
IDENTITY AND METHOD CONTACT IF U. S. WILLING TO ARRANGE  
CONTACT. [REDACTED] WAS ADVISED FBI HAS NO JURISDICTION IN

D. R. AND THAT MM WOULD REFER MATTER TO FBI, WASH.

WEEKS

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Mr. Belmont

EX-125

Mr. Tolson ✓  
Mr. Nichols ✓  
Mr. Boardman ✓  
Mr. Belmont ✓  
Mr. Mohr ✓  
Mr. Parsons ✓  
Mr. Rosen ✓  
Mr. Tamm ✓  
Mr. Trotter ✓  
Mr. Nease ✓  
Tele. Room ✓  
Mr. Holloman ✓  
Miss Gandy ✓

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Date: November 16, 1956

To: Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
2430 E Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

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EX-125

Attention: Deputy Director, Plans

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: CUBAN POLITICAL MATTERS  
FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS - CUBA -  
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

To Mr. [redacted]  
[redacted] 11/19/56  
[redacted]

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On November 15, 1956, [redacted] advised that he has a highly placed informant [redacted] Carlos Prío (former President of Cuba). This informant is presently [redacted]

[redacted] relative to the forthcoming alleged revolutionary action planned by Prío, Trujillo, and Fidel Castro against President Batista of Cuba.

[redacted] advised he was unable to establish a means of communication with this informant and has requested the assistance of this Bureau [redacted]

[redacted] The informant feels [redacted] believes the informant [redacted] stated he

would share with the United States Government information in the possession of this informant and would advise concerning the identity and method of contact if the United States is willing to arrange a contact.

[redacted] was advised that this Bureau has no jurisdiction in the Dominican Republic.

This is in confirmation of information orally furnished to [redacted] your Agency by Mr. S. J. Papich of this Bureau on November 16, 1956.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (109-12-210)

DATE: September 1, 1956

FROM : SAC, MIAMI (2-165)

SUBJECT: CUBAN POLITICAL MATTERS  
FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS -  
CUBA - DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

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Re 8/30/56 transmitting seven copies of a blank memorandum, entitled "ALLEGED REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITIES; CUBA - DOMINICAN REPUBLIC", one copy of which was for Bureau File 100-237194.

Enclosed herewith are seven copies of amended Page 4 of blank memorandum.

On Page 4, Line 7, Paragraph 1, individuals were described as "Dominican Republic citizens" instead of "Cuban citizens" (S)(u)

Corrected copies have been inserted in Miami files.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (97-3244)  
FROM: SAC, MIAMI (97-139)  
RE: PATRIOTIC CLUBS OF JULY 26,  
MIAMI, TAMPA AND KEY WEST, FLORIDA;  
REGISTRATION ACT;  
NEUTRALITY MATTERS

Re Miami letters 11/3 and 8/56.

There are being transmitted herewith to the Bureau 12 copies of a Blank Memorandum entitled "PATRIOTIC CLUB OF JULY 26, MIAMI, CUBAN POLITICAL MATTER." 1 copy is being sent to New York and 1 copy to San Juan for information purposes, in view of their interest in such matter.

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Miami Source [REDACTED]  
Miami Source [REDACTED] (X) u b7D b7C  
Miami Source [REDACTED]  
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Miami Source [REDACTED] (X) u

Information relating to alleged gun smuggling has already been furnished to U. S. Customs, Miami by Sources [REDACTED]

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This office will continue to keep the Bureau currently advised of developments and a report will be written in the immediate future.

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PATRIOTIC CLUB OF JULY 26, MIAMI  
CUBAN POLITICAL MATTERS

On October 31, 1956, Miami Source [REDACTED] who has  
furnished reliable information in the past, reported that  
[REDACTED] whom he suspects [REDACTED]

On November 6, Source [REDACTED] said that [REDACTED]  
had not yet come to Miami, but that [REDACTED] had disclosed that  
several meetings were scheduled by the Cuban exiles, whom he  
did not identify and Dominican officials in Miami and that the  
Dominican government would afford training to Cubans in the  
Dominican Republic.

The November 6, 1956, issue of "Ataja" (Cuban daily),  
published in Havana, carried a photograph of CARLOS PRIO,  
exiled former President of Cuba with the caption "CARLOS  
PRIO Plans To Flood The Cuban Soil With Blood." The same  
newspaper carried an article entitled "PRIO Establishes His  
General Headquarters in Trujillo City," reading as follows:

" PRIO does not stop in his plans to flood the Cuban  
soil with blood, in collusion with the Tyrant of Santo  
Domingo. Prevented by the decision of the North American  
Federal authorities from maintaining his revolutionary camp in  
Miami, he has transferred it to the welcoming shores of Santo  
Domingo. Thirty-two Cubans and thirty Mexicans, "condottieri"  
in the service of PRIO, TRUJILLO and FIDEL were the last  
shipment via the Dominican Line, on the first of this month.

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" Among them are [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the last  
[REDACTED] "Q" Airways. In addition, CARLOS PRIO sent  
[REDACTED] (The last  
[REDACTED] the "Q".) And confirming that all methods are good  
for the "fugitive" of March 10, he has succeeded in getting his  
pal [REDACTED] to detach five Dominicans, and to send them to  
Miami for the purpose [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] in that  
city. All this, after repeated interviews with the Agents of  
TRUJILLO in Miami, itself. Because PRIO, like FIDEL, has to carry  
out his commitment to TRUJILLO, against Cuba and the Cubans.

On November 14, 1956, Source [REDACTED] reported that  
[REDACTED] had disclosed that there are 150 Cubans and 650 Mercenaries  
of Mexico and the Dominican Republic who are in training in the  
Dominican Republic in preparation for revolutionary action  
against President BATISTA of Cuba. Source [REDACTED] advised that  
[REDACTED]

On November 9, 1956, Miami Source [REDACTED] who has  
furnished reliable information in the past. [REDACTED]

Source [REDACTED] has learned from a high-placed  
informant that FIDEL CASTRO, leader of the July 26 movement, who  
is now in Mexico, that his followers, who have not been given,  
specific instructions to stay out of Cuba, should begin to return  
to Cuba and that those remaining should alert themselves for  
instant readiness. Source [REDACTED] this informant had [REDACTED]

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disclosed that the anti-Batista forces expected to land in the Pinar del Rio Province of Cuba and as close as possible to Havana. A large contingent of men will embark from the Dominican Republic for Cuba in the vicinity of Camaguey. They will take special precautions to circumvent the U. S. Base at Guantanamo Bay, Oriente Province. "D" day will be marked by large explosions from bombs dropped by planes flying over the Army barracks at Camp Columbia and elsewhere throughout Cuba. Source [redacted] informant claims that there are more than 15 planes in the Dominican Republic which will be used for this purpose and that there are a number of Cuban pilots now in Cuba who will make their way to the Dominican Republic at the proper time to pilot these planes. Source [redacted] learned from another informant that about three days previously, CARLOS PRIO [redacted] b7C/D

Source [redacted] (C)(u) there is a general exodus of anti-Batista Cuban exiles from Florida and Mexico to the Dominican Republic and that some of these are going via Kingston, Jamaica. b7D

Examination of airline manifests at INS, Miami, from October 1 through November 10, 1956, reflects that a total of 24 Cubans left Miami by Dominican airlines directly for Ciudad Trujillo, Dominican Republic; and that since October 21, three Cubans went directly to Ciudad Trujillo via Pan American World Airlines; it was also noted that on October 25 and 26, three Cubans went via PAA to Kingston, Jamaica. Sources [redacted] have advised that most of these Cubans are known to them as being either pro-PRIO, pro-FIDEL CASTRO or anti-BATISTA. b7D

The November 14, 1956 issue of the Miami Herald carried an article entitled "PRIO Named in Cuban Indictment" with a Havana United Press dateline. This article revealed that indictment had been charged at the Urgency Court, Havana, against PRIO for crimes against the Cuban State. The indictment was reportedly based on police reports that opposition elements were promoting the overthrow of the government of BATISTA by invasion through the Western end of Cuba coordinated with a program of assassination of official figures and other acts of terrorism.

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This article stated that Colonel ORLANDO PIEDRA, Chief of the Bureau of Investigations, specifically accused PRIO of furnishing \$200,000. to FIDEL CASTRO for organizing and carrying out the invasion. According to the charge, the conspirators held two meetings at a Miami, Florida hotel, October 22 and 23, where they completed the plans for the coordinated invasions and out break of terrorism to be started some time in mid-November. The article stated that the indictment named PRIO and more than twenty members of his political party, most of whom were in exile.

On November 14, 1956, Miami Source [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that about four weeks previously, CARLOS PRIO had converted Cuban pesos into a sum of \$18,000. in American money. Source [REDACTED] did not know for what purpose PRIO made this conversion. b7D

On November 15, 1956, Miami Source [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that PRIO or a representative of PRIO, had recently held a rendezvous somewhere between Miami and Jacksonville, Florida [REDACTED] and that by pre-arrangement between PRIO and [REDACTED] had followed PRIO [REDACTED] to this rendezvous as a counter-surveillance measure. (S)(u) b7C/D

Source [REDACTED] did not know the results of this alleged rendezvous. b7D

Source [REDACTED] PRIO had also recently had a conference [REDACTED] Generalissimo TRUJILLO. b7D b7C

Source [REDACTED] PRIO is now seeking a new conference [REDACTED] and that this conference [REDACTED] (S)(u) b7C/D

With regard to the above-described newspaper article which appeared in the November 14, 1956 issue of the Miami Herald, concerning a conference held between FIDEL CASTRO and PRIO on

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October 22 and 23, [REDACTED]

Source [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] in order to protect his informant,  
in whom he has confidence. (S)(u)

Source [REDACTED] about two weeks ago, his  
informant [REDACTED]

Two days later, the same informant advised [REDACTED]

Source [REDACTED] his informant [REDACTED]

Source [REDACTED] on October 22, 1956, his  
informant [REDACTED]

Source [REDACTED] according to information  
furnished by his informant, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] b7D

Source [REDACTED] has learned through his informants [REDACTED] b7C/D

against the BATISTA government. Source [REDACTED] had heard as a matter of fact [REDACTED] had arrived in the Dominican Republic several days ago by means unknown to the informant. (S) (K)(u)

Source [REDACTED] FIDEL CASTRO, who has been loud in his attacks upon all dictators, knows that PRIO has entered into a deal with TRUJILLO; but that FIDEL CASTRO is looking the other way, because he needs the money which PRIO is placing at his disposal to pay for the revolutionary preparations being made against BATISTA. Source [REDACTED] the average Cuban cannot believe that FIDEL would cooperate with any dictator, especially TRUJILLO, in order to overthrow BATISTA. (S)(u) b7D

Source [REDACTED] there appears to be little doubt, judging from information received through his sources and informants, that the Dominican Republic is being used as a base for operations against CUBA. Source [REDACTED] did not know, as yet, the exact time when this revolutionary effort will be launched. (S)(u) b7C/D

On November 7, 1956, it was learned through Aerovias Guest Airlines, Miami, that [REDACTED] Miami at 9:00 AM, Sunday November 4, 1956, for Mexico City. Immediately prior to his departure. Sources [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] both advised that [REDACTED] was supposed to return to Miami on or about November 20, 1956. As previously reported, [REDACTED] b7C/D

He will allegedly return [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BATISTA.

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On November 15, 1956, Source [REDACTED] advised that the Cuban authorities suspect that a joint revolutionary effort by PRIO, TRUJILLO and FIDEL CASTRO will be launched on or about November 27, 1956; that FIDEL CASTRO would lead this revolutionary attack and that PRIO would remain in Miami, secure as a spectator. (S)(u) b7D

It is to be noted that on October 24, 1956, CARLOS PRIO was interrogated by INS, Miami, relative to his parole agreement not to engage in any activity looking toward the overthrow of the Government of a friendly power. PRIO denied that he has engaged in any such activity and he claimed to have no connection with FIDEL CASTRO or Generalissimo TRUJILLO.

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PATRIOTIC CLUB OF JULY 26  
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REGISTRATION ACT;  
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MM 11/15/56, in the case entitled "Dominican Activities  
in the United States; IS - DR".

There are being transmitted herewith to the  
Bureau, New York and San Juan copies of a blank memorandum  
entitled "Patriotic Club of July 26, Miami Cuban Dominican  
Political Matters".

1. [REDACTED] who  
has furnished considerable information in the past several  
years to U. S. Customs relative to gun smuggling activities  
and who has also been cooperative with this office on Latin  
matters.

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2. [REDACTED] is [REDACTED] (u)  
[REDACTED] (u)  
INS, MM, has been furnished orally with informa-  
tion relating to the two Cubans reportedly illegally in  
the U. S.

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PATRIOTIC CLUB OF JULY 26, MIAMI  
CUBAN-DOMINICAN POLITICAL MATTERS

Miami Informant [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, reported on November 21, 1956, that [redacted] whom he suspects may be an [redacted], and who claims to be [redacted] Generalissimo Rafael Trujillo of the Dominican Republic, disclosed that young [redacted] the Generalissimo, had stopped off in Miami to contact members of the Carlos Prio organization.

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[redacted] said that [redacted] explained that Generalissimo Trujillo had become annoyed about the adverse publicity the Dominican Republic had been receiving over newspaper reports to the effect that he was lending aid to Carlos Prio, exiled former President of Cuba, and that the Dominican Republic was being used as a base for an attack upon the Batista Government by Prio and Trujillo men. According to [redacted] the resulting loss of tourist business was the main concern [redacted]

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[redacted] disclosed to [redacted] that the Prio organization had been purposely publicizing the congregation of Cuban exiles in the Dominican Republic in order to get additional support by conveying the idea to the general public that Prio has received the support and aid of the Dominican Republic.

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[redacted] that [redacted] had informed Prio in Miami that the \$200,000.00 which Prio had sent to the Dominican Republic was just enough to purchase twenty cars and not enough for revolutionary purposes. The young general also protested the fact that Fidel Castro, leader of the July 26 Movement against Batista had, by his statements to the press, to the effect that he would either be a martyr or the liberator of Cuba by the end of 1956, placed the Batista Government on notice as to when revolutionary action against Batista was planned and therefore definitely weakened the chances of success by a surprise attack.

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[redacted] told [redacted] that the purchase of tickets by Cubans in the Miami area for the Dominican Republic had become known to the FBI and that hereafter these Cubans, followers of Prio, had been instructed to travel to the Dominican Republic via connecting carriers from other points such as New York City, by way of Varig Airlines.

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[redacted] disclosed to [redacted] that a Dominican Air Force General, whom he did not identify, was in Miami to talk to Cubans whom he did not identify. He also advised that a Dominican gunboat had been scheduled to come to Miami, but due to the above complications he did not now know if this boat would arrive.

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With regard to the information furnished by [redacted] above related, there has been no confirmation of the report that Prio had sent \$200,000.00 to the Dominican Republic.

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With regard to the purchase of tickets by Cubans in the Miami area for the Dominican Republic, examination of manifests at the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Miami, reflects that during the period from November 11, 1956 to November 18, 1956, a total of fourteen Cubans traveled by airline directly to the Dominican Republic. Miami Informants [redacted] and [redacted] who are well informed concerning Cuban exiles in the Miami area, advised that most of these Cubans were known to be followers of Carlos Prio.

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With regard to the Dominican gunboat mentioned above, it is to be noted that in November, 1956, the Department of State advised that the Dominican Embassy in Washington had requested permission to bring their Corvette C-101 to Miami for the purpose of escorting boats purchased from the Bahamas Adventures, Inc. This Corvette reportedly was scheduled to leave the Dominican Republic on November 17, 1956. On November 26, 1956,

[redacted] advised that the Marine Division of the United States Customs, Miami, possessed no record reflecting that this vessel had arrived in Miami, and that a routine inquiry revealed that the Dominican Consulate in Miami possessed no information concerning the expected arrival of this vessel. b7C

On November 23, 1956, Miami Informants [redacted] and [redacted] advised that they had just received information from a most reliable informant [redacted]

[redacted] Carlos Prio, [redacted] Prio had just returned to Miami from the Dominican Republic where he [redacted] members of the Prio group in the Dominican Republic. [redacted] and [redacted] said that their informant reported as follows: That Carlos Prio is being used as a front by Generalissimo Rafael Trujillo in his plan to launch a revolutionary attack against the Batista Government of Cuba. Trujillo is being aided by a small faction of Cubans [redacted] b2/b7D b7C

[redacted] went to the Dominican Republic about nine months ago after being refused re-entry into Cuba without [redacted] from criminal prosecution. He reportedly began to conspire with Trujillo and was soon joined in the Dominican Republic [redacted]

[redacted] who has been involved [redacted] in the Miami area during the recent past, [redacted]

[redacted] and [redacted], known [redacted], who went to the Dominican Republic several months ago after fleeing Cuba in a small fishing boat which landed at Miami. (S)(u)

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After Prio returned to Florida from Cuba in 1956, under compulsion of the Batista Government, he made a deal with Trujillo, who promised to furnish arms, ammunition, equipment, and a base of operations in the Dominican Republic, and Prio promised to send his followers to the Dominican Republic for training and preparation in order to launch an invasion of Cuba from the Dominican Republic. Prio had been under the impression that he would be the leader of this movement with Trujillo's help, but now Prio finds that his men in Cuba are virtual prisoners and that General Trujillo is completely dominating the plan. Prio has approximately 120 men in the Dominican Republic. (S)(u)

After Prio's emissary brought back news of the fact that his men are virtual prisoners in the Dominican Republic, and that Trujillo is "calling the shots", Prio appeared to be very much upset and was perplexed as to what course of action to follow. He has expressed fear for the lives of his men in the Dominican Republic. Most of these individuals are personal friends of Prio. (S)(u) b7C

Prio's emissary also learned that the small group of Cubans [redacted] obey Trujillo and Trujillo considers these men as his own. (S)(u) b7C

Prio now knows that he cannot trust Trujillo and is, therefore, faced with an impasse. Prio's emissary also learned that Trujillo planned to use Prio and his followers so that he could later report to the United Nations, following the revolutionary attack upon Batista from the Dominican base, that it is Prio and not himself who has launched the attack. (S)(u) b7C

According to information received by the informant of [redacted] and [redacted] the Prio Cubans in Dominican Republic are located the distance of one hour's car ride from Ciudad Trujillo, at a camp referred to as "campito". They are allowed to leave this camp only when accompanied by Trujillo's men. They receive rigorous training, arising at 4:45 a.m. each day. They are instructed by Dominican Army officers. Also in this camp are several Cuban pilots who have not been allowed to get close to an airplane. (S)(u) b2/b7D

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[redacted] and [redacted] said that according to their informant Trujillo plans to go ahead with his objective with or without Prio. (S)(u)

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[redacted] and [redacted] said that Fidel Castro in Mexico knows that Prio and Trujillo have been in alliance with each other; that Fidel Castro is opposed to this alliance because he is opposed to dictators, but that nevertheless he, Fidel Castro, is in alliance with Prio because he needs the money which Prio has reportedly been furnishing him. (S)(u)

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[redacted] and [redacted] reported on November 23, 1956, that [redacted] returned to Miami on the night of November 22, 1956, [redacted] He had departed on November 4, 1956, for Mexico, for the reported purpose [redacted] Upon his return to Miami [redacted]

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[redacted] and [redacted] were of the opinion that [redacted] (S)(u)

On November 28, 1956, [redacted] reported that [redacted] who had been employed [redacted] left Miami for Mexico on November 19, 1956, via Guest Airline, [redacted]

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[redacted] (S)(u)

Examination at Immigration and Naturalization Service, Miami, of Aerovias Gurest Airline manifests for flight #749 reflected that [redacted] departed Miami on November 11, 1956, for Mexico. In October, 1956, while staying at the Cortez Hotel in Miami, [redacted]

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[redacted] based upon investigation by United States Customs. He pleaded nolo contendere and was fined \$5,000.00 by the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida.

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On November 28, 1956, Miami Informant [REDACTED] reported that Fidel Castro is reported by reliable sources to be on a ranch in Texapula, Mexico. This ranch is located near a river where the boat "Sachem II" is located, and near the town of Texapula. [REDACTED] said this ranch is owned by a Mexican who rents it to hunting and fishing parties. (S)(u)

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On the same date, [REDACTED] reported that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and arrived in Florida on November 23, 1956. [REDACTED] said that both of these men are [REDACTED] assassination of Colonel Blanco Rico, head of the Cuban Military Intelligence Service in Cuba, several weeks ago. [REDACTED] said that these two men had reportedly been seen at the Trade Winds Hotel, Miami Beach. This hotel is [REDACTED], wealthy Cuban, who is a Prio supporter, according to [REDACTED]. On the same date [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED], advised that his office had received a similar report concerning the illegal arrival in Florida from Cuba of these two men. (S)(u)

On the same date, [REDACTED] reported having learned from a reliable source who is closely associated with Cuban exiles in Miami, that there has been an exit of Cubans from Florida, and that [REDACTED] and a number of other Cubans left Miami over the previous weekend by car for Mexico, apparently in somewhat of a hurry as [REDACTED] advised on the same date that [REDACTED] returned to Miami on or about October 18, 1956, from Mexico, where he had been associating with Fidel Castro. However, upon his return to Miami, [REDACTED] Editor of the "Diario Las Americas" announcing his decision to split with Fidel Castro because of conditions in Mexico under which Castro's men were living. (S)(u)

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With regard to the presence in Miami [redacted] the Dominican Republic, mentioned [redacted] above, [redacted] Entry and Departure Section, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Miami, advised that on September 28, 1956, [redacted]

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[redacted] arrived in Miami on the yacht "Presidente Trujillo". This yacht left shortly thereafter but returned on October 29, 1956, arriving at West Palm Beach and traveling from there to Fort Lauderdale, West Palm Beach, Jacksonville, Fort Lauderdale, and to Miami. [redacted] was on board this vessel on this trip and departed on it November 20, 1956, from Miami for Ciudad Trujillo.



## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : *WDA* Legal Attache, Havana, Cuba (109-54)

SUBJECT: FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS - CUBA

DATE: December 3, 1956

ReBulet 5-7-56 to Legat, Paris, captioned "ESPIONAGE AND FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE MATTERS" (Bufile 66-6200-65). In accordance with the instructions therein, the following summary is submitted:

The Government of Cuba continues to be headed by President FULGENCIO BATISTA Y. VALDIVAR. His Government has announced partial elections to be held in 1957 to be followed by presidential elections in 1958. This proposal of the Government has met with little popular response among the opposition to the Government, it being generally alleged that BATISTA has been illegally in office since he took over by coup d'etat on March 10, 1952.

As has been reported to the Bureau, a revolutionary outbreak against the BATISTA Government was started at Santiago de Cuba on November 30, 1956. According to published official statements of the Cuban Government, this revolutionary outbreak is a part of the activities of the so-called 26 of July Movement headed by FIDEL CASTRO. It appears to have little chances of success, although the Government is having some difficulty in controlling it.

The BATISTA Government continues to exhibit a strong anti-Communist attitude. The Communists, as set forth in their weekly clandestine publication "Carta Semanal," are very anti-Batista and anti-United States, alleging that BATISTA is nothing more than a lackey of the United States. The Party has for the last several months through the media of the "Carta Semanal" and other clandestine leaflets and pamphlets, endeavored to promote a movement to build up a general strike against BATISTA in order that he will be forced out of office. This movement appears to have little popular following to date.

An additional letter will be submitted to the Bureau on June 1, 1957.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nichols

DATE: December 4, 1956

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: **CAPTAIN JOSE GUTIERREZ  
AND COLONEL JOSE FERRER  
MILITARY OFFICE, CUBAN EMBASSY  
SPECIAL TOUR  
DECEMBER 4, 1956**

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*Political motives Cuba*  
The above named individuals were met in Assistant Director Tamm's

Office at about 10:00 a. m. this date, and conducted on a Special Tour by SA [redacted], of the Crime Records Section. Captain Gutierrez explained that Colonel Ferrer is the new Cuban Military Attache and having recently arrived in the United States, has a limited understanding of English. It was his request that they be conducted on a tour more to familiarize Colonel Ferrer with the various facilities available to a law enforcement agency by the FBI rather than an explanation of the various tour projects and scenes. Colonel Ferrer stated that training of police in Cuban law enforcement was one of the major problems facing that country, and he was desirous of learning some methods used in this country and by the FBI in particular.

Captain Gutierrez stated that if possible, Colonel Ferrer would like to return at a later date for a more detailed tour, at which time he would have a better understanding of the general investigative jurisdiction of the FBI as well as the ability to converse and ask questions on his own behalf.

Both Colonel Ferrer and Captain Gutierrez expressed their appreciation of the courtesies shown them during the tour.

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cc - Tour Room

cc - [redacted] Training and Inspection Division, Room 5232

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CAPTAIN JORGE GUTIERREZ  
COLONEL JOSE FERRER  
SPECIAL TOUR OF THE BUREAU

*Political Matters - Cuba*

The above-named individuals were afforded a special tour of the Bureau on December 4, 1956. This tour was conducted by SA [redacted] Colonel Ferrer is the new Cuban Military Attache in Washington. It was requested that they be conducted on a tour in order to familiarize Colonel Ferrer with the various facilities available to a law enforcement agency by the FBI, rather than an explanation of the various tour projects and scenes. Colonel Ferrer stated that training of police in Cuban law enforcement was one of the major problems facing that country, and he was desirous of learning of the methods used in this country and by the FBI in particular.

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Colonel Ferrer spoke very limited English and Captain Gutierrez advised that Colonel Ferrer would like to return at a later date for a more detailed tour, at which time he would have a better understanding of the general investigative jurisdiction of the FBI, as well as having a better ability to converse and ask questions on his own behalf.

Both Colonel Ferrer and Captain Gutierrez expressed their appreciation of the courtesies shown them during the tour.

This is furnished for your information.

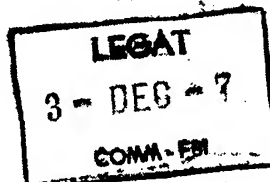
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : Legal Attache, Havana, Cuba (109-58)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

DATE: December 19,

**FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTER - CUBA;  
COOPERATION WITH THE EMBASSY**

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On December 8, 1956, [REDACTED] requested the cooperation of this office in connection with the following matter.

[REDACTED] said that information had been received from [REDACTED] in Santiago de Cuba, that one [REDACTED] an [REDACTED] born on [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] had been arrested by Cuban authorities on December 5, 1956, at a point off the eastern coast of Cuba where he was traveling [REDACTED] which boat was in some difficulty. Due to the revolutionary activities then going on in the eastern part of Cuba, the Cuban authorities became quite suspicious when it was ascertained that [REDACTED] had an unusual quantity of firearms aboard his boat.

According to [REDACTED] told [REDACTED] that he is [REDACTED] that he had departed Jacksonville, Florida, in his boat on December 17, 1956, and planned to make his way leisurely to Panama to hunt. He said that when leaving Jacksonville he had one [REDACTED] aboard his boat as crew, but [REDACTED] had put him ashore in Nassau because [REDACTED] would not stand his watches aboard the boat.

[REDACTED] explained that he has as a hobby [REDACTED] and for that reason he was carrying the unusual quantity of guns aboard his boat. [REDACTED] furnished the names of the following people whom he stated could verify his story:

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[REDACTED] advised that Cuban Army authorities had told [REDACTED] that they would release [REDACTED] if [REDACTED] considered his story true. [REDACTED] said that both he and [REDACTED] were desirous of making a quick check [REDACTED] story before taking any action and requested the assistance of this office in obtaining the interviews of the persons mentioned above.

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Legat, Havana (109-58)

The facts were communicated telephonically to the Miami Office on 12-8-56 and on the same date the following telephonic information was received from the Miami Office:

[REDACTED] advised she had been acquainted with [REDACTED] for some [REDACTED]. She stated that he [REDACTED] that she knows he is not involved in any revolutionary activities and she verified the fact that he had departed Jacksonville November 17, 1956, in his boat for the purpose of traveling down to Panama. b7C

[REDACTED] is a [REDACTED] on the [REDACTED]. He advised he has been acquainted with [REDACTED] for about [REDACTED] and knows his principal hobby [REDACTED] said that to his personal knowledge [REDACTED] the following guns: b7C

- 1 .30-'06 Springfield rifle
- 1 .45 caliber automatic pistol \*
- 1 .45 caliber Smith & Wesson revolver
- 1 Savage 250-3000 lever-action rifle
- 1 Winchester model 52 .22 caliber target rifle
- 1 .22 caliber pump rifle
- 1 12 gauge shotgun
- 2 or 3 .22 caliber pistols

[REDACTED] advised that prior to the departure [REDACTED] from Jacksonville on November 17, last, the latter advised him he planned to travel leisurely in his boat down to Panama, go through the Canal and travel up the west coast of the United States. [REDACTED] stated he planned to hunt along the way. b7C

[REDACTED] Leake's Shipyard at 7190 Evergreen Avenue, Jacksonville, was out of town and unavailable for interview; however, information was obtained at the shipyard that [REDACTED] had been known there for about a year and details concerning his story as furnished in Santiago were confirmed at the shipyard. b7C

The above information was immediately furnished to [REDACTED] upon receipt and he subsequently advised on 12-10-56 that [REDACTED] had been released by Cuban authorities. b7C

Legat, Havana (109-58)

On 12-17-56 [REDACTED] in the Embassy here, advised that he had checked and verified that [REDACTED] is following [REDACTED] in the eastern part of Cuba he was taken immediately to Santiago by Cuban Army authorities and that apparently the authorities refused to let [REDACTED] properly secure his boat. The Cuban Navy was instructed by the Cuban Army to tow the boat to Santiago however, when the Cuban Navy boat arrived at the point where [REDACTED] boat had been anchored they found it missing and it has not been located to date. [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] had submitted an itemized list of the value of his belongings on the boat and of the boat itself and that the sum total amounted to approximately \$32,000. He said to date the Cuban Government has made no move to reimburse [REDACTED] for the loss of his boat and the belongings aboard it. b7C

The above is for the Bureau's information. Two extra copies of this letter are attached in the event the Bureau desires to forward them to the Miami Office. No further action is contemplated by Havana



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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
January 3, 1958

Ambassador Arthur Gardner tele. to confirm the appointment which had been made for a tour tomorrow morning at 10:30 for Minister of Interior of Cuba, Santiago Rey and his group. He was told that the arrangements have been made and that Mr. Nichols will greet the Ambassador and the Minister and the tour will then be conducted for them.

Mr. Tolson ☒  
Mr. Nichols ☒  
Mr. Boardman ☐  
Mr. Belmont ☐  
Mr. Mohr ☐  
Mr. Parsons ☐  
Mr. Rosen ☒  
Mr. Tamm ☒  
Mr. Trotter ☒  
Mr. Jones ☒  
Mr. Nease ☒  
Mr. Winterrowd ☒  
Tele. Room ☒  
Mr. Holloman ☒  
Miss Holmes ☒  
Miss Gandy ☐

Mr. Gardner said he had not yet mentioned it to the Minister but would like to know if it would be possible for the Minister and his party to have a conducted tour of the FBI set-up at Quantico if he so desired. I told Mr. Gardner I would be glad to make inquiry but that I am not so sure we have a class there at this time, but that he will be advised when he comes in tomorrow. This is agreeable with him.

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Mr. Nichols has been told about this request and said he will tell the Ambassador that we do not have a class at Quantico this week so there would be nothing of interest to show the party. A new agents' class did start after Thanksgiving and is presently at Quantico, but there are no older, in-service agents there now.

The Ambassador did not inquire today about the possibility of Mr. Hoover being in tomorrow.

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Republic of China, Taiwan, and  
American people. This individual  
communist activities.

The following appears to be a copy of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) dated 10/1/54, from the Office of the Director, Central Intelligence Agency, to the Office of the Chief of Staff, Department of Defense, regarding the proposed acquisition of a new type of aircraft carrier.

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BY COURIER SERVICE

Date: January 11, 1957

To: [REDACTED]

Office of Security  
Department of State  
515 22nd Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

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From: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: CUBAN POLITICAL MATTERS  
POLITICAL MATTERS - CUBA - DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

1/19/89 S. J. E. W. / T. C. Y.  
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Enclosed for your information are the original and one copy of the memorandum dated January 11, 1957, in captioned matter. A copy of the enclosed memorandum is being furnished the agencies receiving copies of this communication.

It is requested that no further dissemination be made of the information in the enclosure.

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Central Intelligence Agency  
2430 R Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

BY COURIER SERVICE  
(Enclosure)

Attention: Deputy Director, Plans

cc - 1 - Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence  
Department of the Army  
The Pentagon  
Washington 25, D. C.

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Attention: Chief, Security Division

cc - 1 - Havana (Enclosure)  
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cc - 1 - Director of Special Investigations  
The Inspector General  
Department of the Air Force  
Building Tempo E  
4th and Adams Drive, S. W.  
Washington, D. C.

BY COURIER SERVICE

(Enclosure)

cc - 1 - Director of Naval Intelligence  
Department of the Navy  
The Pentagon  
Washington 25, D. C.

(Enclosure)

cc - 1 - The Commissioner  
Immigration and Naturalization Service

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109-12-275-150



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Date: January 2, 1957

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (109-12-210)

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FROM: SAC, MIAMI (2-165) (97-139)

CUBAN POLITICAL MATTERS -  
FPM - CUBA & DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

[On 12/31/56, [redacted] called attention to an article which appeared in the December 30, 1956, issue of "Informacion," a newspaper published in Havana, Cuba, in the Spanish language. This article was entitled "ESTRECHARA VINCULOS LA VISITA DE BARRETO", DICE HECTOR TRUJILLO," and it bore a Ciudad Trujillo dateline of December 29 (A.P.), reading as follows:

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"President HECTOR TRUJILLO told newspapers today, with reference to the visit of Minister of Agriculture of Cuba, J. BARRETO MARTINEZ, and a group of Cuban countrymen to assist at the Second International Livestock Fair at Ciudad Trujillo, as per request of the Dominican Government, that they are pleased to see the Cubans are going there and they will be welcomed by the government and people of Ciudad Trujillo. This visit will contribute to close the traditional friendship between both countries."

[redacted] stated he had learned from a highly confidential informant, [redacted], that on 12/23/56, CARLOS PRIO sent an emissary, [redacted], to Haiti to see the new President of Haiti, in order to ascertain if PRIO would be welcome there on a visit. [redacted] said [redacted] returned from Haiti with a "Yes" answer.

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[redacted] said that several days ago, it was learned through another informant that [redacted] told [redacted] that the treaty PRIO

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has with Generalissimo RAFAEL TRUJILLO of the Dominican Republic is now broken. When [REDACTED] remarked that this was good and asked PRIO if he were going to discontinue his plan to overthrow BATISTA, PRIO answered, "No, I have contacted the ROMULOS (ROMULO BETANCOURT and ROMULO GALLEGOS, exiled former President and former President-Elect, respectively, of Venezuela) and ARBENZ (JACOB ARBENZ, former pro-Communist President of Guatemala). What I am planning now is a bogotasan. The farm country is already hot and what we need is a bogotasan in the City of Havana." [REDACTED] said that PRIO apparently had reference to a student uprising which occurred several years ago at Bogota, Colombia, during a hemispheric conference. b2 b7c b7D

(u) (S) [REDACTED] said that when [REDACTED] questioned PRIO as to what would happen to the Cubans now in Ciudad Trujillo, PRIO remarked that there were too many of them in Ciudad Trujillo for TRUJILLO to kill and that TRUJILLO would have no alternative other than to send them back to Miami. b2 b7c b7D

It is to be noted that investigation by Miami reflects that approximately 100 Cubans have left Miami for Ciudad Trujillo during the past two and one-half months.

[REDACTED] (S) (u) said that, notwithstanding the above information, PRIO has indicated to other associates of his that he still plans to send other Cubans to the Dominican Republic. [REDACTED] said it is possible, also, that the informant who reported the above information may be purposely furnishing false information in order to assist PRIO in carrying out his plans. The source said that he has some doubts concerning the loyalty of the above informant. b2 b7c b7D (S) (u)

This information is submitted for the advice of the Bureau.

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Date: January 18, 1957

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Office of Security  
Department of State  
515 22nd Street, N. W.  
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From: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: CUBAN POLITICAL MATTERS  
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA

On January 14, 1957, our New York Office advised that on that date a group of about 25 to 30 individuals carrying placards protesting the activities of President Batista of Cuba picketed the United Nations. Representatives of the press were present and members of the New York City Police Department controlled the picketing which was orderly. The individuals appeared to be Cubans.

Information was subsequently received by our New York Office that the July 26 Club of New York sponsored the picketing.

Information concerning the July 26 Club of New York has previously been furnished to you.

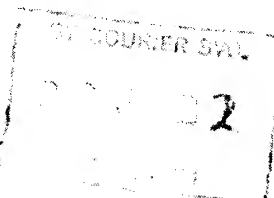
cc - 1 - 97-9243 (July 26 Club of New York)

cc - 1 - RAB (By O-6, same date)

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CUBAN MATTERS, INFORMATION CONCERNING. ON JANUARY FOURTEEN INSTANT A GROUP OF FROM TWENTY FIVE TO THIRTY INDIVIDUALS CARRYING PLACARDS PROTESTING THE ACTIVITIES OF PRESIDENT BATISTA OF CUBA PICKETED THE UN. REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PRESS WERE PRESENT AND MEMBERS OF THE NYCPD CONTROLLED THE PICKETING WHICH WAS ORDERLY. INDIVIDUALS APPEARED TO BE CUBANS. NO INFORMATION AS TO ORGANIZATION, IF ANY, WHICH IS SPONSORING THIS ACTIVITY.

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January 11, 1957

CUBAN POLITICAL MATTERS  
POLITICAL MATTERS - CUBA - DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

On December 31, 1956, an informant who has furnished reliable information in the past called attention to an article which appeared in the December 30, 1956, issue of "Informacion," a newspaper published in Havana, Cuba, in the Spanish language. This article reads as follows:

"President Heater Trujillo told newspapers today, with reference to the visit of Minister of Agriculture of Cuba, J. Barreto Martinez, and a group of Cuban countrymen to assist at the Second International Livestock Fair at Ciudad Trujillo, as per request of the Dominican Government, that they are pleased to see the Cubans are going there and they will be welcomed by the government and people of Ciudad Trujillo. This visit will contribute to close the traditional friendship between both countries."

The above-mentioned informant advised that he had learned from a source that on December 23, 1956, Carlos Prío, former President of Cuba, sent an emissary, [redacted] Cuba, to Haiti to see the new President of Haiti, in order to ascertain if Prío would be welcome there on a visit. According to the informant [redacted] returned from Haiti with a "Yes" answer.

The above-mentioned informant advised that several days ago it was learned through another source that Prío told [redacted] that the treaty Prío had with Generalissimo Rafael Trujillo of the Dominican Republic is now broken. When [redacted] remarked that this was good and asked Prío if he was going to discontinue his plan to overthrow Batista, Prío answered, "No, I have contacted the Romulos (Romulo Betancourt and Romulo Gallegos, exiled former President and former President-elect, respectively, of Venezuela) and Arbenz (Jacob Arbenz, former President of Guatemala). What I am planning now is a bogotazo. The farm country is already hot and what we need is a bogotazo in the City of Havana."

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(13) Original and one to State Department by letter 1/11/57

cc - 1 - CIA, G-2, OSI, ONI, INS, Havana,

cc - 1 - RAB (By O-6 form, same date) JAN 28 1957

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Cuban Political Matters  
Political Matters - Cuba - Dominican Republic

The above-mentioned informant stated that Prio apparently had reference to a student uprising which occurred several years ago at Bogota, Columbia, during a hemispheric conference.

The above-mentioned informant stated that when [REDACTED] questioned Prio as to what would happen to the Cubans presently in Ciudad Trujillo, Prio remarked that there were too many of them in Ciudad Trujillo for Trujillo to kill and that Trujillo would have no alternative other than to send them back to Miami. b7c 17

The above-mentioned informant stated that notwithstanding the above information, Prio indicated to other associates that he still plans to send other Cubans to the Dominican Republic. The informant stated that it is possible that the source who reported the above information may be purposely furnishing false information in order to assist Prio in carrying out his plans. Informant stated that he had some doubts concerning the loyalty of the above source.



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(REVOLT)

MIAMI--CUBAN REVOLUTIONARY LEADERS HAVE CALLED FOR AN ALL-OUT "SCORCHED EARTH WAR" THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRYSIDE TO OVERTHROW PRESIDENT BATISTA, THE MIAMI HERALD SAID TODAY.

GEORGE SOUTHWORTH, HERALD ASSISTANT CITY EDITOR, QUOTED FIDEL CASTRO, THE REVOLUTIONARY CHIEF, AS CALLING ON REBEL BANDS IN THE INTERIOR TO "BURN THE SUGAR CANE AND SABOTAGE INDUSTRY, COMMERCE AND PUBLIC SERVICES."

HE SAID CASTRO APPARENTLY FEELS BATISTA CAN BEST BE OVERTHROWN BY UNDERMINING THE ECONOMY.

HE SAID THE REBELS ARE MAKING A DETERMINED EFFORT TO ENLIST FORMERS AND LABORERS IN THEIR UNDERGROUND FIGHTING ORGANIZATION.

SOUTHWORTH SAID NEWS IS LEAKING OUT OF THE COUNTRY THAT CASTRO AND HIS "26TH OF JULY" REVOLUTIONARY GROUP ARE "HAVING SOME SUCCESS WITH THEIR PLAN. HE REPORTED A NUMBER OF PICTURES HAVE BEEN SMUGGLED OUT OF THE COUNTRY SHOWING BURNT SUGAR CANE FIELDS AND BOMB-BLASTED BUILDINGS IN HAVANA AND OTHER CITIES.

CUBAN AUTHORITIES HAVE IMPOSED A TIGHT CENSORSHIP OF BOTH INCOMING AND OUTGOING NEWS.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : Legal Attache, Havana, Cuba (109-59)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

DATE: February 19, 1957

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FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS- CUBA

On February 13, 1957, [REDACTED] of the Embassy here, requested the assistance of this office in obtaining background information on the above two subjects.

[REDACTED] pointed out that the two subjects entered the United States as temporary visitors and now claim that if they are forced to return to Cuba from the United States they will be subject to political persecution by the present Government of Cuba.

Attached are five copies of a memorandum setting forth available information on these two subjects. Two copies of this memorandum were made available to [REDACTED]

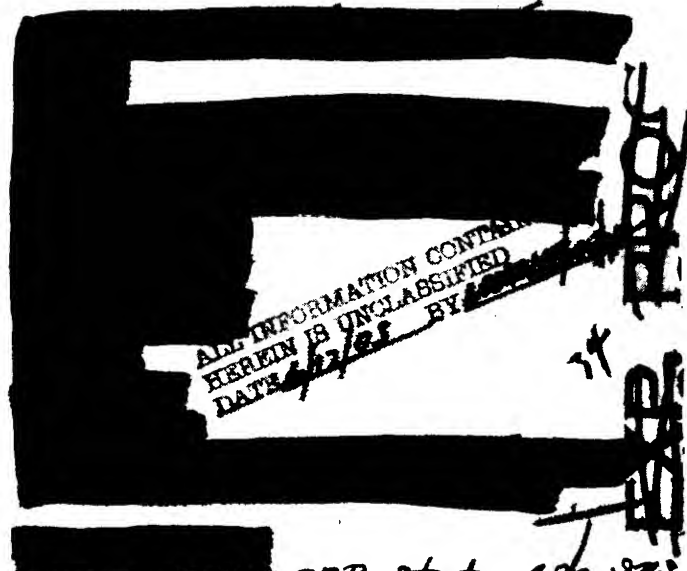
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The following descriptions of the subjects were taken from the files of the Visa Unit of the Embassy here:

Name:  
Race:  
Nationality:  
Cuban Address:

Address in US:  
Date of Birth:  
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Marital Status:  
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Havana (109-59)

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Race:  
Nationality:  
Cuban Address:

Address in US:  
Date of Birth:  
Place of Birth:

Height:  
Weight:  
Hair:  
Eyes:  
Marital Status:  
Occupation:  
Passport:



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The above is for the Bureau's information. No further action is being taken by this office at this time.



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

February 19, 1957

Re: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] was admitted to the United States as a temporary visitor on July 24, 1956. [REDACTED] entered the United States as a temporary visitor on July 16, 1956. Both are still living in the United States and claim that they would be subject to political persecution by the present Government of Cuba if they were required to return to Cuba.

On February 15, 1957, the files of the confidential squad of the Department of Investigation of the Cuban National Police were checked. It is to be noted that this squad handles investigations of revolutionary and insurrectional activities directed against the BATISTA Government.

The files of the confidential squad reflected that [REDACTED] had been arrested on [REDACTED] by the confidential squad for investigation. He was released on the same date. The file on [REDACTED] also contained information that he is [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] The file also reflects that there is an arrest order outstanding for [REDACTED]. This arrest order, which is dated June 28, 1956, was issued by [REDACTED] of the Confidential Squad. Reason for the order of arrest was not given.

The files of the confidential squad contained no record on [REDACTED]

The files of the Gabinete Nacional de Identificacion (central fingerprint file for Cuba) checked on February 15, 1957, reflected that [REDACTED] had been arrested by the confidential squad of the Department of Investigation on [REDACTED] for "confidential investigation." Disposition of this arrest was not shown. It is to be noted that the file of the confidential squad contained no information on this arrest.

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The only record on [REDACTED] found in the GNI files was a fingerprint card taken on April 7, 1947, in connection with his application for a Cuban Passport. b7c

The files of the Cuban Army Military Intelligence Service (SIM) checked on 2-18-57, contained no information on either of the two subjects.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

cc: MR. Belmont

Mr. Brantigan

Mr. Baumgardner

Mr. Papich

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

FROM : MR. R. R. ROACH

Liaison Section

SUBJECT: ANTI-BATISTA ACTIVITIES;  
DOMINICAN POLITICAL ACTIVITIES;  
CARLOS PRIO SOCARRAS  
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA AND DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

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Enclosed herewith is a Photostat of a report dated February 12, 1957, Miami, Florida, concerning anti-Batista activities, which information was furnished to Agent Papich of CIA on March 4, 1957.

(S) Para 1 & 2 classified per CIA letter 9145/42/1005  
Also enclosed is a Photostat of a report covering a conversation between [redacted] and [redacted] of CIA on February 25, 1957. This material was also given to the Liaison Agent by [redacted]. In his conversation with [redacted] indicated that the report concerning anti-Batista activities was obtained by Batista agents in Miami. [redacted] characterized the report with the statement, "You understand that 90 per cent of that is the bunk, just a bunch of lies." The conversation reflects that [redacted] asked if a copy of the report could be given to Hoover. [redacted] stated, "Yes, of course, keep that."

As a businessman, [redacted] has had interests in Latin American countries for several years. In this connection, information was set forth in Drew Pearson's column that former Assistant Secretary of State Henry Holland was now in business in the Dominican Republic and that Holland was a [redacted] old crony of Harry Truman and currently an advisor to dictator Trujillo."

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The Espionage and Internal Security Sections are reviewing the enclosed material for the purpose of determining if it is necessary for the Bureau to initiate investigative action of any type.

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SAC, Miami (2-165)

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Director, FBI (109-430)

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Our files reflect that your office has already received the pertinent material contained in the enclosed report from Cuban Government representatives in Miami and other sources, however, it is furnished for your additional information.

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# Rebels Face Wizard of Revolt in Batista

CUBAN POLITICAL MATTERS  
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When Cuban rebels try to overthrow the government of President Fulgencio Batista they are dealing with a pro-ssor of revolt.

The former army sergeant s climbed into the presiden- l saddle twice by riding mili- ry-backed revolts.

He became Cuba's strong- in in 1933 after the fall President Gerardo Macha- Sgt. Batista and a select-

ed group of non-commissioned officers, aided by University of Havana students, then knocked out a weak provi- sional government and Ramon Grau San Martin became president.

Batista became chief of staff with the rank of colonel but he forced Grau out of office early in 1934 because the president couldn't gain recognition of the United States.

For the next five years Bat-

ista controlled each president. He had taken the title of Chief of the Army but retired in 1939 to run for president.

Batista easily defeated Grau and took office in 1940 at the age of 39. Four years later his candidate lost out to Grau. Batista went to Daytona Beach where he spent four years in exile.

The strongman returned to Cuba as a senator in the 1947 election that made Carlos Prío Socarras president. Batista overthrew Prío in a bloodless coup on March 10, 1952.

It was supposed to be Batista against Grau in the 1954 presidential election but Grau withdrew at the last minute and it has been Batista ever since.

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From: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: DEMONSTRATION OF UNIVERSITY OF  
PUERTO RICO STUDENTS AGAINST  
GOVERNMENT OF BATISTA AND TRUJILLO  
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA -  
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

On April 1, 1957, a representative of the Puerto Rican police advised that on March 29, 1957, several students of the University of Puerto Rico (UPR) demonstrated in protest against urban resident Batista for the deaths of several Cuban students during the recent revolts in Cuba and against General Rafael Trujillo of the Dominican Republic. The demonstrations consisted of speeches by several students and picketing of the Cuban and Dominican Consulates in San Juan, Puerto Rico. The students distributed a handbill captioned "Free University Manifest in Protest Against the Cruel Aggression of the Cuban People," which vigorously protested the action of the Cuban Government during the recent riots in Cuba in which Cuban students were killed. The handbill was signed by "Committee Organizer, College of Law, UPR." The above-mentioned representative advised that the demonstrations were carried out without untoward incidents and in a peaceful manner. Investigation by the Puerto Rican police failed to indicate a connection between the demonstrators and known subversive groups in Puerto Rico.

The above is for your information.


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Attention: Deputy Director, Plans  
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Department of the Army  
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*Political Matters Cuba*

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DEMONSTRATION OF UPR STUDENTS AGAINST REGIMES OF BATISTA AND TRUJILLO IS- CUBA AND DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] BUREAU OF INTERNAL SECURITY [REDACTED] ADVISED SA [REDACTED] ON APRIL 1, 1957 THAT ON MARCH 29, 1957 SEVERAL STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF PUERTO RICO DEMONSTRATED IN PROTEST AGAINST CUBAN PRESIDENT JUAN BATISTA FOR THE DEATHS OF SEVERAL CUBAN STUDENTS DURING RECENT REVOLTS IN CUBA AND AGAINST GENERAL RAFAEL TRUJILLO OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. THE DEMONSTRATIONS CONSISTED OF SPEECHES BY SEVERAL STUDENTS AND PICKETING OF THE CUBAN AND DOMINICAN CONSULATES IN SJ. THESE STUDENTS DISTRIBUTED A HANDBILL CAPTIONED QUOTE GREAT UNIVERSITY MANIFEST IN PROTEST AGAINST THE CRUEL AGGRESSION OF THE CUBAN PEOPLE QUOTE WHICH VIGOROUSLY PROTESTED THE ACTION OF THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT DURING RECENT RIOTS IN CUBA IN WHICH CUBAN STUDENTS WERE KILLED. THE HANDBILL WAS SIGNED BY QUOTE COMMITTEE ORGANIZOR, COLLEGE OF LAW, UPR. QUOTE CAPTAIN GONZALEZ ADVISED THE DEMONSTRATIONS WERE CARRIED OUT WITHOUT UNTOWARD INCIDENTS AND IN A PEACEFUL MANNER. HE STATED AN INVESTIGATION BY THE BUREAU FAILED TO INDICATE ANY REFLECTION BETWEEN THE DEMONSTRATORS AND KNOWN SUBVERSIVE GROUPS IN PUERTO RICO.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: April 10, 1957

FROM : Legat, Havana (109-12)

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SUBJECT: CUBAN POLITICS  
FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS- CUBA

For the Bureau's information, there are attached five copies of a secret memorandum dated March 25, 1957, which was prepared by the local office of CIA here.

This is being furnished the Bureau since it sets forth a summary of opinion on political thinking of the Cuban people as contrasted to the recent revolutionary activities here.

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25 March 1957

### Cuban Political Situation

1. On 5 March 1957 in a conversation with an Embassy officer, Jose Pardo Liada, well-known radio commentator, journalist, and leader of the Partido Nacionalista Revolucionario (PNR, National Revolutionary Party), made the following observations regarding the political situation in Cuba:

a. There are strong indications that President Fulgencio BATISTA is confused and does not know exactly what steps to take to bring the country back to a more normal situation. The main cause has been the insurrectionary movement led by Fidel CASTRO Ruz, which has lasted much longer than BATISTA expected. Another major blow has been the failure of the Government's security agencies to stop the acts of terrorism which have plagued the country ever since late November, 1956.

b. If CASTRO's group holds out much longer against the stepped-up operations of the Armed Forces and the acts of terrorism continue, major changes in the leadership and policy of the present regime will probably occur within two or three months, with the Army having a decisive role in those changes. Although there probably exists a faction within the Army which at least sympathizes with Colonel Ramon BARQUIN and other officers involved in the April 1956 military plot, such a faction has not the strength to move against BATISTA and the other Army faction which is still loyal to BATISTA. In reality BARQUIN's conspiracy permitted BATISTA to purge the Army of those officers whose loyalty to him was weak or questionable and to strengthen his position among Army personnel by filling the vacancies created by the purge by promoting men from the ranks. It would be this loyal Army faction which would probably act, with either BATISTA's consent or his tolerance, to strengthen the Government's authority by the creation of a military junta or by having more military men occupy key Government positions, such as ministerial posts.

c. Fidel CASTRO Ruz has negligible support, if any, within the Armed Forces; and his movement would not constitute a force with which the military junta would have to reckon. CASTRO himself, if he survives, might later on have a good political future because of his role in causing the changes in policy and personnel as well as his audacity and following among Cuban youth.

d. Because no civilian stands the slightest chance of reaching the top spot in the Government without Army support, it is quite improbable if not impossible that the military junta would permit an opposition politician to assume that spot. The junta, confident that

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it would continue to wield the necessary authority, might eventually consent to the celebration of relatively free elections. In that event, persons like Senator ~~Rolando BASTIENNE~~, from BATISTA's Coalition and, from the opposition, ~~José ALVAREZ~~ Diaz, former Minister of Finance under Carlos PRIO Socarras, ~~another member of the PRR, Carlos RIVERA~~ another PRIO man with considerable prestige, and ~~Raffio CROSA~~, present leader of the Ortodoxo Party, would probably play a leading role in the country's political activities. b7c

e. The existence of a small group of colonels, apparently loyal to BATISTA but hungry and ready to risk all for power and riches during a period of chaos or extreme disorder, has been reported. The identity of the members of this group, whose main objective is personal wealth and position, primarily, remains unknown although it has been rumored that ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ a tough, ruthless, and capable officer might be one of its members. b7c

PARDO Llada also indicated during the conversation that he was on the alert to take advantage, as a politician, of any opportunity which BATISTA might offer to participate in as decorous elections as the circumstances permitted to the regime as well as the opposition. PARDO admitted having held conversations with persons close to BATISTA ~~on this matter~~ but said that to date BATISTA had not revealed his thinking on the political conditions laid down by PARDO, except to state categorically that he would not consent to an amnesty for political prisoners. PARDO also stated that he was taking active steps to widen his contacts among Army personnel in an effort to build up political support in that sector. He explained that previously no Army officer would dare meet with him on a social basis, but that, ever since he had abandoned the "insurrectionary line," his social meetings with superior officers of the Army had been more frequent and easier. (F-3)

2. ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ School of Social Sciences and Public Law of the University of Habana, in a conversation with an Embassy officer on 4 March 1957, expressed his opinion of the political situation in Cuba as follows: b7c

a. The situation has become very bad; and, unless the Army is able to wipe out soon the revolutionary group in Oriente led by Fidel CASTRO Ruz and the police agencies put an end to acts of terrorism, there is the possibility that the Army may revolt, as it did against the ~~MACHADO~~ regime, in order to re-establish law and order. In the event of such a revolt taking place, a military junta would necessarily have to be formed to rule the country until the appropriate legislative steps could be taken for the election of a new government. The most important task which the military junta would have would be

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the selection of a provisional President, who would have to be a person highly trusted and respected by all political factions. [REDACTED] of the University of Habana, whose name was one of those mentioned as having been considered for that position by the group of military conspirators led by Ramon BARQUIN (in April 1956), would be an ideal choice in that respect. b7c

b. The military junta, which undoubtedly would be dominated by BARQUIN and his followers, many of whom are still on active duty in the Army, would have to give due credit and a say, although not necessarily an important one, to Fidel CASTRO Ruz and other members of the "26th of July Movement" for the part they played in precipitating the situation out of which the BATISTA regime represent two "impotent" opposing forces, with neither one having the power to destroy the other completely. The army is the only force which can break such an impasse. In the event that the Army faction which does not have the good interests of the country and people at heart but thinks only of self-preservation (position and property), the so-called "tanquistas," should emerge as the dominating group within the Army, then the instability of the country would be increased to the detriment of everyone concerned. The other Army faction, led by BARQUIN, would have as its main objective the creation of a truly professional and apolitical Army and, if it assumed the government reins in an emergency, would return them to a civilian authority as soon as practicable.

c. Provided a wise choice were made in filling provisionally the office of the Presidency, political activity leading to a legislative congress would be the natural follow-up. By that time many changes in the present political groupings would probably have taken place which might lead to the emergence of new leaders in the political field, but the following persons would probably figure among the leading politicians:

Carlos HEVIA/ [REDACTED] ) from Carlos PRIO's faction of the Partido  
[REDACTED] ) Revolucionario Cubano (Autentico) 6

José PARDO Llada from the Partido Nacionalista Revolucionario

Emilio OCHOA [REDACTED] )  
[REDACTED] ) from the Ortodoxo Party  
[REDACTED] )

[REDACTED] Tellaheche from Ramon GRAU San Martin's  
faction of the PRC (A)

Other possible future political leaders are such businessmen  
[REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] who took an active part against the MACHADO regime, reiterated his statement that the present situation in Cuba is very similar to that in the 1930's which led to the overthrow of that regime. He added that in his opinion a change of governments in Cuba would also lead to the improvement of relations between Cuba and the United States and in the Cuban people's support of the anti-Communist battle being waged by the United States. He explained this statement by saying that the majority of the people ignore the meaning of the United States' objectives in that respect because they find that the totalitarian conditions which the United States is combatting elsewhere are tolerated here by the United States Government. (F-3)

3. On 4 March 1957 a senator, opposition leader, furnished to an Embassy officer the following information regarding groups and leaders likely to be involved in a new government should BATISTA fall:

The big four leaders are the following:

- a. Ramon GRAU San Martin of the Partido Revolucionario Cubano (Autentico) (registered), who has the greatest following with the "people."
- b. Emilio OCHOA, Partido Ortodoxo.
- c. Jose PARDO Llada, Partido Nacionalista Revolucionario, who is strong with the youth movement.
- d. Antonio de VARONA and Carlos HEVIA of the Partido Revolucionario Cubano (Autentico) (abstentionist) (PRIO Group).

(The first three parties mentioned above are already united in almost every respect, and the PRIO faction represented by VARONA and HEVIA will undoubtedly join with them.)

The following individuals are second-category leaders behind those named above:

- a. Senators [REDACTED]
- b. [REDACTED]  
Pelayo CUERVO
- c. [REDACTED]
- d. [REDACTED]  
Luis CASERO, former vice-presidential candidate with Carlos HEVIA in 1952.

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The following individuals, now in the present Government, might also have positions of responsibility in a new government:

- a. Guillermo-BELT, former Ambassador to the United States.
- b. Raul MENOCAL, Minister of Commerce.
- c. Senator Raul LORENZO, formerly pro-Batista, who recently formed his own party, the Partido Union Cubana.
- d. Eusebio MUJAL Barniol, secretary general of the Confederacion de Trabajadores de Cuba (CTC, Cuban Workers' Confederation).

The following, not politicians but persons who command wide respect and prestige, might be called upon to participate in a new government:

- a. [REDACTED]
- b. [REDACTED]
- c. Carlos HEVIA.

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The most likely head of the Army under a new government is Ramon BARQUIN. (C-3)

4. In a conversation with an Embassy officer on 1 March 1957; a newspaperman with good contacts in opposition and revolutionary circles furnished the following information concerning Cuban politics:

- a. If BATISTA fell, Ramon GRAU San Martin would be an influential figure. GRAU has indicated his desire to serve as provisional President in the event BATISTA were ousted or a junta took over; he still has considerable popular support, particularly in the interior of Cuba.
- b. Carlos HEVIA would be an important figure in any new government.
- c. Former President Carlos PRIO Socarras would not play an active role but would direct the activities of his party through some of his trusted lieutenants.
- d. Fidel CASTRO Ruz favors the appointment as interim President of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court (as stated in the present constitution) in case his movement is successful. The Chief Justice would serve until elections could be held. Because of the active role he has played in the opposition, CASTRO would naturally play an important role in the political scene.
- e. Persons who might play a significant role or even become President in the event of change are the following:

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5. On 1 March another senator, opposition leader in the PRC (A), provided an Embassy officer with the following information:

- a. In the event of BATISTA's being overthrown, Ramon BARQUIN would emerge as the strong military man and probably head the Army and/or a military junta.
- b. The senator personally would advocate running the country for a provisional period with a military-civilian-type junta (or interim President) and an impartial cabinet composed of representatives of all legitimate political parties. This group would draft a new constitution (the present Constitution of 1940 must go - it is a farce, and the people have no respect for it because of the way it has been bypassed, distorted and abused by BATISTA) and prepare machinery for national elections with full guarantees.
- c. Ramon GRAU San Martin has indicated his availability and would be willing to serve as interim or provisional President.
- d. In the event of BATISTA's fall, [REDACTED] would be qualified for the position of President, having held many high positions in various governments, including minister, senator, and representative. b7c
- e. BATISTA can no longer count on solid support from the Cuban Armed Forces, and [REDACTED] is the person most capable and most likely to lead an internal military revolt.
- f. Former President Carlos PRIO Socarras is not believed to be playing an active part in supporting the present revolutionary or terroristic activities.
- g. Although outwardly the opposition appears completely divided, various factions will unite into significant political units if and when free elections are guaranteed. (C-3)

6. Both the senator mentioned in paragraph 5 and a colleague of his seem to have firm ideas on only one point, and that is that a change is necessary; that national elections with full guarantees must be held this year and that Cuba must be restored to "elected representative government." They do not appear to have any clear thought on how this could be brought about, but both are in accord that the situation is worsening daily.

7. At the regular February meeting of the team [REDACTED] the following consensus of opinion was arrived at concerning the probable role of the military in the event of a successful movement against President Fulgencio BATISTA and his regime: b1 b3 (3)

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- a. Colonel Ramon BARQUIN, leader of the abortive April 1955 military conspiracy who is now imprisoned on the Isle of Pines, would be the logical head of the Cuban Army. BARQUIN would be expected to reorganize the leadership of the Army, placing in key positions those officers who participated in the 1955 conspiracy with him and are now either in prison or retired from the Army.
- b. The Cuban Army does not at present have a general officer commensurate with his rank. [REDACTED] is considered the best qualified of the general officers; General Martin DIAZ Tamayo has no prestige in the Army, and the events in Oriente Province have prejudiced his career even more; and among the remaining high officers in the Army the most capable are [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

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8. The following further information has been developed concerning the situation in the Cuban Army:

- a. If BATISTA should retire or be forced to retire, a military junta would be formed to rule the country temporarily. That junta would consist of "second echelon" military officers rather than of those officers now holding the top positions since the majority of the latter are too closely identified with corrupt and get-rich-quick practices. [REDACTED] possibly might be an exception and might be included in the junta.
- b. Certain planning by BATISTA may indicate that he is preparing to withdraw from the political scene and wishes to do some "housecleaning" of his own beforehand. Included in BATISTA's plans are the retirement of [REDACTED] prior to June 1957, the retirement of General DIAZ Tamayo and several of the more discredited colonels in 1957 and the promotion to general of [REDACTED] all troops in the Habana area. BATISTA plans to find well-paying jobs in private industry as well as within the Government for his closer allies affected by the housecleaning.
- c. In the event that BATISTA should withdraw from the political scene, members of [REDACTED] family and/or [REDACTED] would probably have a decisive voice in the military junta that would be formed. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] might also be included in that junta. Other military leaders, like the "10th of March colonels" ([REDACTED] etc.), and most of the current top military commanders

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are discredited in the eyes of the public because of participation in self-enrichment deals; and they do not possess the power and influence of the [REDACTED] family, for example, to permit them an important say in any future military junta. b7c

- d. On 18 February 1957 the wife of a Cuban Army officer indicated that she expects Colonel Ramon BARQUIN to head the Cuban Army if and when BATISTA falls. There will be a complete change in the leadership of the Army since all present leaders are discredited; the key positions will be occupied by members of the group now imprisoned with Colonel BARQUIN on the Isle of Pines.
- e. According to radio and press releases on 26 February 1957, a new political plan drawn up by the leaders (Ramon GRAU San Martin, Jose PARDO Llada, and Emilio OCHOA) calls for the amnesty of all political prisoners, which would presumably include BARQUIN and his group. The 26th of July Movement, in its printed propaganda, has also called for the immediate release of all political prisoners, mentioning specifically BARQUIN and fellow prisoners.

9. Two members of the opposition, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] both quite prominent politically, in a recent conversation with Embassy officers indicated that there was no agreement between the BARQUIN group and that of Fidel CASTRO Ruz and that they hoped their opposition group, and perhaps others, could bridge the gap which existed. b7c

10. Other sources generally agree that Colonel BARQUIN and his followers will have an important voice in any new government formed as a result of the overthrow of the BATISTA regime. As reported previously, BARQUIN and the majority of the officers implicated in the conspiracy which he led are considered to be top military men from the point of view of qualifications, training, and moral character. The same sources also agreed that the present military leaders, particularly the [REDACTED] family, would have a strong voice, directly or indirectly, in the military junta that would take over the government reins if BATISTA chose to withdraw on his own. b7c  
Aside from the [REDACTED] and possibly [REDACTED], no other officers were specified by name as probable strong men.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: May 17, 1957

FROM : Legal Attache, Havana, Cuba (109-54)

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SUBJECT: FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS - CUBA

ReBulet 5-7-56 to Legat, Paris, captioned "ESPIONAGE AND FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE MATTERS" (Bufile 66-6200-65). In accordance with the instructions contained therein the following summary is submitted:

Although the Government of Cuba continues to be headed by President FULGENCIO BATISTA y ZALDIVAR, there have been increasing indications of a lack of popularity of the BATISTA Government during the reporting period. Following the revolutionary outbreak in Santiago de Cuba on November 30, 1956, and the landing of a group of approximately 80 men under the command of FIDEL CASTRO RUZ on December 2, 1956, there have been widespread acts of sabotage and terrorism, the latter largely consisting of the setting off of bombs in different places throughout the island.

On March 13, 1957, a group of approximately 40 armed men attacked the Presidential Palace in downtown Havana for the obvious purpose of killing BATISTA who was in the Palace at the time. Although the attack was repulsed and all members of the attacking party were killed, subsequent developments indicated that with a little more organization and training the attack may well have been successful. This attack appeared to shake the BATISTA Government considerably and was followed by very strong repressive measures against members of the opposition. An example of this is the case of Dr. PELAYO CUERVO, an outstanding leader of one of the factions of the Orthodox Party, who was taken from his home on the night of March 13, 1957, and whose bullet-ridden body was found the following morning in an isolated section of a Havana suburb. The identity of the killers of Dr. CUERVO have not been established, but it is the general consensus of opinion that they were members of the Cuban National Police.

FIDEL CASTRO RUZ continues to hold forth in the Sierra Maestra mountain region in Oriente Province in the eastern part of Cuba despite efforts of the Cuban Government to dislodge him. Most recent reliable estimates are that CASTRO has 120--140 men with him.

The Cuban Congress some weeks ago set up a Bipartisan Parliamentary Commission to study ways and means of finding a peaceful solution to the Cuban problem. This Commission came out with several recommendations. The principal one was that General Elections will

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held on June 1, 1958, instead of November 1, 1958, as originally scheduled. This decision appears to be agreeable to the BATISTA Government and this has aided somewhat in turning the thinking of the Cuban people from revolution to elections. It remains to be seen whether a solution satisfactory to all will be worked out.

With the exception of the rather small clandestine Communist Party which continues to be most active in Cuba, there are no indications that any of the groups in opposition to the BATISTA Government are anti United States or pro Communist.

An additional letter will be submitted to reach the Bureau by December 1, 1957.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (97-3243)  
 FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (109-81)  
 SUBJECT: JULY 26 CLUB OF NEW YORK  
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[REDACTED] be held in the strictest confidence as this movement is being backed by very important and influential people in Cuba and by former government officials of the PRIO administration. (X)(u)

Above for information.

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Date: May 27, 1957

To: [REDACTED] (Original and one)

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Office of Security  
Department of State  
515 22nd Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: CUBAN POLITICAL MATTERS  
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA

An individual who is in a position to furnish reliable information concerning Cuban matters advised on May 21, 1957, that there was a rumor in Havana in government circles to the effect that an agreement has been reached between Carlos Prío Socarras, former president of Cuba, and Fidel Castro, who presently is leading an invasion force in Cuba. The source stated that Prío and Castro are mutually acceptable to each other, but that no one seems to know what the terms of the agreement are between them. The source advised that a proposal to form a coalition government in Cuba with Batista as president was acceptable to Batista. The source advised, however, that Batista's advisors were not agreeable to this proposal as a possible solution to the political situation in Cuba.

The foregoing information should not be disseminated outside your department.

cc - 1 - Havana (Info)

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cc - 1 - Foreign Liaison Unit

cc - 1 - 97-3243 (July 26 Club of New York)

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

5/28/57

FROM: SAC, WFO (64-0)

**PUBLIC POWER SUPPLY FAILURE  
HAVANA, CUBA  
FOREIGN MISCELLANEOUS - CUBA**

*Political Matter - (Foreign) Cuba*

Attached hereto are five copies of a blank memo reflecting info received by SA [redacted] from [redacted] (s)

This will confirm telephonic communication from WFO to Bureau this date.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.  
May 28, 1957

PUBLIC POWER SUPPLY FAILURE  
HAVANA, CUBA

On May 28, 1957, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that a public power supply failure occurred in the greater portion of Havana, Cuba. The power failure, which occurred at 2:10 a.m., this date, is believed possibly to be the result of political-labor unrest. Confidential source further advised that telephone service had been interrupted and no indication of any public or street disorder.

This memorandum is loaned to you by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and neither it nor its contents are to be distributed outside the agency to which loaned.

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## 3 Cuban Gunmen Seized In Plot to Kill Figueres

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica -- (INS) — Police seized three Cubans Saturday on charges of plotting to assassinate President Jose Figueres of Costa Rica.

Officials claimed that the alleged triggermen were sent on their murder mission by Generalissimo Rafael L. Trujillo, the "strong man" of the Dominican Republic. They were reported to have traveled to San Jose from the Dominican Republic via Managua, Nicaragua.

Informed sources said the Cubans, Jesus Gonzalez Car-

tas, Juan Manuel Delgado and Herminio Diaz, had requested an audience with Figueres where they reportedly planned to assassinate the president.

In a raid on the Cubans' hotel rooms, police said they seized revolvers, a submachinegun and \$5,000. Gonzalez Cartas was said to have had a revolver presented to him by Trujillo.

The public security ministry said the three alleged triggermen had been under surveillance since they entered the country.

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CONCERNING REPORTED ARREST OF  
IN COSTA RICA

The May 19, 1957 issue of the Miami Herald, Miami, Florida, carried an article entitled "3 Cuban Gunmen Seized in Plot to Kill Figueres", datelined San Jose, Costa Rica, by (INS). This article reads as follows:

"Police seized three Cubans Saturday on charges of plotting to assassinate President Jose Figueres of Costa Rica.

Officials claimed that the alleged triggermen were sent on their murder mission by Generalissimo Rafael L. Trujillo, the 'strong man' of the Dominican Republic. They were reported to have traveled to San Jose from the Dominican Republic via Managua, Nicaragua.

Informed sources said the Cubans, Jesus Gonzalez Cartas, Juan Manuel Delgado and Herminio Diaz, had requested an audience with Figueres where they reportedly planned to assassinate the president.

In a raid on the Cubans' hotel rooms, police said they seized revolvers, a submachinegun and \$5,000. Gonzalez Cartas was said to have had a revolver presented to him by Trujillo.

The public security ministry said the three alleged triggermen had been under surveillance since they entered the country."

Recent investigation in connection with the case entitled "CARLOS PRIO SOCARRAS, ET AL; FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTER-CUBA. NEUTRALITY MATTER", had disclosed that [redacted] a Cuban, had been at a Cuban camp near Ciudad Trujillo, Dominican Republic, where approximately 150 Cubans had been receiving military training under both Dominican and Cuban officers preparatory to an alleged revolutionary attempt to overthrow President FULGENCIO BATISTA

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of Cuba. Most of the Cubans went to this camp in November and December, 1956. In April, 1957 the camp was allegedly discontinued and most of the Cubans returned to Miami, Florida. Investigation also disclosed that [REDACTED] was one of the leaders in this camp under [REDACTED] alias [REDACTED], a notorious Cuban gangster, who was [REDACTED] under Generalissimo RAFAEL TRUJILLO of the Dominican Republic.

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On May 21, 1957, Miami Informant [REDACTED] who has reported reliable information in the past, advised that two Cubans, [REDACTED] who had been at the Cuban camp in the Dominican Republic, had disclosed that [REDACTED], known as [REDACTED], and [REDACTED] and another Cuban, whose name was not actually [REDACTED], but who had given this name upon his arrest, had been sent to Costa Rica [REDACTED] for the purpose of assassinating [REDACTED] and not JOSE FIGUERES as had been reported in the newspaper. [REDACTED] said that [REDACTED] is an anti-TRUJILLO Cuban exile who was formerly [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] said that a Cuban student [REDACTED] according to [REDACTED], had received orders from TRUJILLO to kill certain unidentified people in Miami and to cause confusion among the Cuban exiles. They claimed that there is a BATISTA-TRUJILLO plan to use Cuban killers for this purpose. These alleged killers are traveling on false passports from one country to another. They claimed that [REDACTED] had recently been arrested by the authorities in Puerto Rico as he was passing through that island.

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[REDACTED] said that he had no way of determining if [REDACTED] were telling the truth and had to accept their statements without questioning them.

On May 23, 1957, Miami Informant [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, stated that he had heard through a source he considered reliable, that [REDACTED] had left Ciudad Trujillo, Dominican Republic, for Mexico; that [REDACTED] had come to Miami en route to Mexico to join him; and that he possessed no evidence that [REDACTED] had been in Puerto Rico. [REDACTED] described [REDACTED] as being [REDACTED] of the Federation of Students Union (FEU) in Havana and as having been active in revolutionary activities against BATISTA.

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[REDACTED] said that another source whom he considered to be reliable had informed him in May 22, 1957 that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], had gone to Costa Rica for the purpose of kidnapping JOSE FIGUERES, President of Costa Rica. [REDACTED] said that they planned to entice FIGUERES away from his office or home. [REDACTED] described [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] said that [REDACTED] reportedly received a 30 day jail sentence in Costa Rica.

On May 23, 1957, Miami Informant [REDACTED] who has furnished insufficient information to enable his reliability to be evaluated, advised that [REDACTED] Ciudad Trujillo, approximately one month ago took a 15 day vacation from his employment [REDACTED] [REDACTED] did not know what had happened to [REDACTED] who he said is known to some of his Dominican friends as [REDACTED]

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Reurlet 6-5-57, captioned "Cuban Political Matters, Foreign Political Matters - Cuba, Dominican Republic, Costa Rica," with enclosures.

It was noted in the enclosures that [redacted] allegedly had received orders from Trujillo to kill certain unidentified people in Miami and to cause confusion among Cuban exiles. It is noted also that [redacted] allegedly has recently been arrested in Puerto Rico. b7c

You are reminded that information indicating that individuals are coming to Miami for the alleged purpose of killing Cuban exiles and exiles of other countries should be made available to the local police authorities. When information of this type is received by your office, it should promptly be made available to the local police authorities and the Bureau so advised.

If you have not already done so, you should make the information concerning [redacted] available to the local police authorities. b7c

cc - 1 - San Juan (For info)

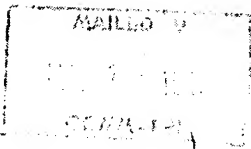
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Date: June 12, 1957

To: Director BY COURIER SERVICE  
Central Intelligence Agency  
2430 E Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Deputy Director, Plans

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: CARLOS PRIO SOCARRAS, et al.,  
FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS - CUBA  
NEUTRALITY MATTER; REGISTRATION ACT

Enclosed for your information is one Photostat each of two documents made available to this Bureau by a representative of the Department of State. We have been advised that these documents were copies of documents handed to a representative of the United States Delegation to the United Nations by a representative of the Cuban Delegation to the United Nations.

If any additional information is received concerning this matter, you will be advised.

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Enclosures (2)

- 2 - Miami (Enclosures) (2)
- 2 - Legal Attache, Havana (Enclosures) (2)

ATTENTION SAC, MIAMI AND LEGAL ATTACHE, HAVANA:

The Bureau should be promptly advised of the receipt of any information indicating that Prio may be using, or contemplating using, Haiti as a base of operations against the present Cuban Government.

- 1 - 109- (Foreign Political Matter - 80)
- 1 - Foreign Liaison, route through for review
- 1 - Assistant Attorney General William M. Tompkins (Enclosures -2)

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Director, Central Intelligence Agency

NOTE ON YELLOW:

The enclosed documents of Cuban Government origin alleged that Prio has been contacting elements in Haiti through an intermediary. Prio desires to establish bases in Haiti from which he can launch attacks against Cuba to overthrow Batista. It is alleged Prio is willing to spend one million dollars among influential elements in Haiti. Most of Prio's activities in Haiti have met with failure due to the recent downfall of President Sylvain of that country, but Prio continues his efforts to establish bases in that country.



INTERVENTION OF THE EX-PRESIDENT  
OF CUBA, CARLOS PRIO SOCARRAS IN  
EVENTS IN HAITI

1. Since the first days after the downfall of the regime of ex-President Paul E. Magloire, friends of the ex-President of Cuba, Carlos Prio Socarras, started making contacts with haitian elements. This was done by

member of a communist faction, trusted man of ex-President Prio, who keeps him as a mean of handing funds for their support, to the exiled men who are living in several american countries.

2. As ex-President Prio has failed from Miami in his attempts to overthrow the Government of Cuba, he has changed his plans. Seizing the opportunity when Frank Sylvain assumed power in Haiti, Temistocles Fuentes got in touch with Officers of the Haitian Army, and with some civilians, amongst some of them, , H. K. Laferrieri, the Secretary of the Treasury and the Under-Secretary of Labor. He also made contacts with some students as well as with influential individuals with the regime, all of whom were informed of the plan Prio intended to carry out. This consisted in the establishment of a base in Haiti where arms will be kept. Already trained expeditionary forces were to gather at that base, from whence, in groups, they would sail for Cuba, where they would disembark on different points, thus starting the revolution to overthrow the Cuban Government.

3. To carry out this plan, ex-President Prio made it known that he was willing to spend ONE MILLION DOLLARS. Immediately Fuentes distributed SIXTY THOUSAND DOLLARS among

On March the 8th, left for Santiago de Cuba aboard flight 467 of Compania Cubana de Aviacion to get in contact with the conspirators in Cuba, envisaging the speedy execution of the plan. As is a student, it was thought advisable to send

him on this mission in order to avoid suspicions.

4. Mr. Laferriere and the Under Secretary of Labor were the liaison parties with ex-President Sylvain, and they arranged a meeting between the President and of ex-President Carlos Prio Socarras. This meeting was secretly held at the Presidential Palace at Port-au-Prince at night, between the 14th and the 16th of last March. On that occasion Antonio Prio Socarras handed President Sylvain the sum of ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS, as well as ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS to be given, as he declared to A HIGH RANKING OFFICER. Ex-Minister Laferriere RECEIVED ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS, and another ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS went to the UNDER SECRETARY OF LABOR.

5. As it was expected that President Sylvain would stay in office until May, it was understood that his successor would guarantee the pledge to carry out this plan, in case that due to the short time the revolution's outbreak in Cuba would be delayed. Bearing this in mind, President Sylvain arranged a meeting between Prio Socarras and presidential candidate Francois Duvalier. At this meeting the continuity to support the Prio plan was agreed upon, and Prio pledged himself to defray all expenses for the electoral campaign. To this end the sum of FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS was advanced with the intention of buying voting cards. This procedure was put into action immediately, thus raising the protest of all other candidates, who upon learning of this, requested that the inscription procedure be stopped. They also requested that the Cabinet be removed, and this was the cause of the internal crisis which brought down the Government of President Sylvain.

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6. Once Prio and President Sylvain reached their agreement the introduction of arms and explosives into Haiti by the Prio associates was accelerated, and a quantity of them was stored in the domiciles of Members of the Cabinet. Ex-President Prio also instructed his men to act as they did in Cuba, setting up bombs and throwing the so called Molotov cocktails. This procedure took the haitian people by surprise, as they had never before engaged in these methods. On one occasion when two officers of the Haitian Army went to seize an arms cache in Thor, near Port-au-Prince, they were blown by an explosion and died from its effects.

7. Notwithstanding this failure motivated by the downfall of President Sylvain's regime, ex-President Prio continues in his efforts towards the establishment of this base in Haiti, as he still believes that his manoeuvres have not been discovered. He has also made contacts with [redacted] and [redacted] with presidential candidates Louis Dejoie, Clement Jumelle and Daniel Sinogle. An agreement has already been reached between Dejoie and Jumelle, but not with Sinogle who flatly refused.

8. Most of the arms introduced in Haiti remain undiscovered.

9. [redacted] uses the following code for delivery of his messages to ex-President Prio:

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August 8, 1957

Legal Attache, Havana, Cuba (105-208)

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FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS - ARGENTINA  
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ReBulet 6-28-57 to the Newark Office. Attached are nine copies of a memorandum setting forth results of investigation in Havana, as well as nine copies of a letterhead memorandum describing the source.

Source [redacted] in the attached memorandum is [redacted] whose identity has been concealed in accordance with existing Bureau instructions.

Extra copies of this letter are attached in the event the Bureau desires to furnish them, together with copies of the attached memorandum, to the Chicago, Miami, Newark and New York Offices.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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August 8, 1967

Re: FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS - ARGENTINA

On August 6, 1967, source [redacted] advised [redacted]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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Re: ~~FOREIGN DISSEM. MATTER - [REDACTED]~~

Source [REDACTED] who furnished information set forth  
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Director, FBI

September 24, 1957

Legat, Havana (88-18)

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*Political Matters - Cuba*

The following is considered to be of possible interest to the Bureau:

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Letter to the Director

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[REDACTED] (s)  
In view of the [REDACTED] (s) incident, this office on a continuous basis will continue to examine and analyze the desirability of contacts with the opposition and the Bureau may be assured that all necessary steps will be taken to avoid any possibility that a member of this office might find himself in an embarrassing situation similar to the present one [REDACTED] b1/b3

[REDACTED] (s)  
[REDACTED] (s) it is respectfully requested that this matter not be discussed outside the Bureau. b1/b3

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: December 2, 1957

FROM : Legal Attache, Havana, Cuba

SUBJECT: FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS - CUBA  
FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE MATTERS - CUBA

ReBulet 5-7-56 to Legat, Paris, captioned "Espionage and Foreign Intelligence Matters" (Bufile 66-6200-65).

During the course of the Inspection of the Havana Office in October, 1957, the Inspector suggested that for one time only the next semiannual reporting in the files on Foreign Political Matters and Foreign Intelligence Matters, that a more detailed summary, including data already furnished the Bureau in other files, be submitted. It was also suggested that this summary be presented to the Bureau to include both political and intelligence matters subdivided in headings and that a copy be placed in each of the two files.

In accordance with the Inspector's instructions, there are attached four copies of a memorandum dated 12-2-57 and captioned "Cuba." It will be noted that this memorandum has been broken down into a political section and an intelligence section.

Four copies of this letter are being furnished in order that two copies, together with two copies of the attached memorandum, may be placed in the Bureau's file on Foreign Political Matters - Cuba and two copies of each can be placed in the Bureau's file on Foreign Intelligence Matters - Cuba.

In accordance with the instructions given by the Inspector, separate letters will be submitted on this matter in the future.

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Political

Following the overthrow of [REDACTED] in August, 1933, Cuba went through a series of temporary and provisional governments until 1940. Always in the background of these governments during this period was FULGENCIO BATISTA ZALDIVAR, who had been a Sergeant in the Cuban Army at the time that [REDACTED] was forced to give up the government and who developed into something of a strong man in the ensuing period. b7C

Following the adoption of a Constitution in 1940, BATISTA was elected President of Cuba and served a four-year term ending in 1944. Former

In the elections of 1944, BATISTA's hand picked candidate, Dr. CARLOS SALADRIGAS, was defeated by Dr. RAMON GRAU SAN MARTIN, who headed the Partido Revolucionario Cubano (Autentico). GRAU's administration from 1944 to 1948 was marked by a period of post war prosperity and for this reason he acquired great popularity with the people.

In 1948, CARLOS PRIO SOCARRAS, PRC(A) candidate, was elected for a four-year term. PRIO's administration was marked by relative prosperity, but also by large amounts of graft on the part of high government officials, including PRIO himself.

In preparation for the general elections scheduled to be held on June 1, 1952, there were three leading candidates for President of Cuba: [REDACTED] representing the so-called [REDACTED] b7C [REDACTED] representing the [REDACTED] and FULGENCIO BATISTA ZALDIVAR, whose Party was known as the Partido Accion Progresista. In the months leading up to the election date, it became rather apparent that [REDACTED] would probably win the election due to the unpopularity of the [REDACTED] caused by the large amounts of graft mentioned above and the personal unpopularity of the Party candidate [REDACTED] and due to dislike of BATISTA which was a carry-over from his previous presidential term.

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With this situation existing, BATISTA, together with a small group of Cuban Army officers and ex-officers, in the early morning hours of March 10, 1952, staged an almost bloodless coup d'etat and took over the government of Cuba. With this date as a starting point, it is desired to set forth below in a chronological sequence a summary of events of a political nature which have occurred since the date BATISTA returned to power.

Chronology:

1952

May 5--A Cuban Army source reported receipt of information to the effect that several Cubans in Miami were planning an assassination attempt against President BATISTA in an effort to overthrow his government. As will be shown, this was the first report in a long list of numerous such rumors in this vein.

December 19--Local authorities at Mamaroneck, New York, arrested several Cubans and an American and seized a large quantity of arms which were reported to be destined for use in a Cuban revolutionary attempt. It was also reported that a 63 foot ship designed for use by the Cuban revolutionaries was located by the authorities.

1953

April 5--A group of about sixty persons, mostly University students, [redacted] were arrested in the vicinity of Camp Columbia, headquarters of the Cuban Army in Havana. It was reported that this group had planned to attack the Camp. b7C

May 21--[redacted] mentioned above, was sentenced to serve two years for his participation in the alleged conspiracy mentioned above. A number of other individuals were sentenced to serve lesser terms. b7C

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May 28--Ex-President CARLOS PRIO SOCARRAS, who had gone into exile in Mexico following the March 10 coup d'etat of BATISTA and who had subsequently moved to the United States traveled to Montreal, Canada, for the purpose of holding a meeting with representatives of the PRC(A) and Ortodoxo Parties. Fla.

June 3--The group meeting in Montreal made a public announcement proposing a basis for a national formula to settle the Cuban problem based on the re-establishment of the Constitution of 1940, which had been suspended by BATISTA at the time he took over the government on March 10, 1952. It was stated that the BATISTA Government did not have the capacity for carrying out elections and it was deemed indispensable that a provisional government be organized to supervise elections. The declaration also condemned personal assassination attempts and terrorist activities.

These declarations were issued in the form of a signed document dated June 2, 1953, which was called the "Montreal Charter" and it was signed by numerous representatives of the PRC(A) and Ortodoxo Parties.

July 26--A large group of young men, headed by FIDEL CASTRO RUZ, at about 5:00 a.m. began to infiltrate and attack the Cuban Army fortress known as Cuartel Moncada, which is located on the outskirts of Santiago de Cuba. This attack was almost successful and, according to published reports, 76 persons were killed and 36 were wounded before the attackers were driven off by the Cuban Army. FIDEL CASTRO himself was successful in escaping, but was later captured, tried and sentenced to a long term in prison. He did not complete this sentence, being released under a general amnesty law issued by the BATISTA Government at a later date.

November 27--One JOSE MARIO FORTUNY RODRIGUEZ was shot and killed by members of the Cuban Army Military Intelligence Service (SIM). FORTUNY was an associate of [REDACTED] b7C in the PRIO Government and one of the principal leaders in revolutionary activities against the BATISTA Government. Although it was officially reported by the government that FORTUNY was killed when he resisted arrest and opened fire on the SIM agents, it subsequently developed that he had been killed during the course of an interview at SIM headquarters. His death is mentioned only because it was the first case of a member of the opposition being deliberately killed by government agents. There have been numerous such deaths since that time.

December 4--Ex-President PRIO and several of his followers were arrested in Miami by U. S. Customs Agents and charged with purchasing rifles to be exported to Cuba without licenses. These arrests grew out of an indictment by a Federal Grand Jury in New York. This was the first formal accusation made against PRIO in the United States, although the Cuban Government had been alleging that he was conspiring against this government practically ever since March 10, 1952.

1954

September 7--Ex-President PRIO [REDACTED] entered pleas of nolo contendere in Federal Court in New York City on charges of conspiring to export arms and war materials from the United States to Cuba in violation of the U. S. Neutrality Act. PRIO was fined \$9,000 [REDACTED] b7C

November 1--General elections were held in Cuba. The only opposition candidate who had announced for President against BATISTA was ex-President RAMON GRAU SAN MARTIN. It was the general consensus of opinion that if free and honest elections were held, GRAU would easily defeat BATISTA. BATISTA apparently recognized this fact and in the months preceding the elections, the Cuban Army and police did everything possible to frighten and intimidate GRAU followers. These actions included allegations of beatings, withholding of the voters' electoral carnets and other such tactics. As a result, three days before elections were to be held, GRAU announced his withdrawal from the Presidential race and urged his followers not to go to the polls. BATISTA, without opposition and aided and abetted by the strong-arm tactics of the military authorities and of his followers, was easily elected President for a four-year term to begin on February 24, 1955.

1955

February 24--In the early morning of this date Cuban police seized a large quantity of arms and ammunition, including about 40 machine guns, 2,000 hand grenades and other assorted arms and ammunition. At the same time they shot and killed a well-known Cuban gangster and revolutionary named ORLANDO LEON LEMUS. Other than this the inauguration of President BATISTA to begin his four-year term went off on this date without incident.

August 11--Ex-President PRIO returned to Havana from Miami on this date. This return followed a series of negotiations with his followers and the Cuban Government. Although PRIO publicly announced that he was returning to Cuba to look for a peaceful solution to the Cuban problem, there was considerable conjecture that he was returning to lead revolutionary activities of his followers.

#### 1956

April 2-3--A number of high ranking officers of the Cuban Army, headed by Colonel RAMON BARQUIN, Cuban Military Attache to Washington, were arrested and charged with conspiring against the government. This was considered extremely significant in that it was the first time that there had been allegations of any large scale conspiracy within the Armed Forces which had always been BATISTA's mainstay in continuing himself in power.

April 9--Thirteen officers, including Colonel BARQUIN, were tried by Summary Court Martial, were convicted and given sentences ranging from four to six years each. In addition, a number of officers and soldiers, who were arrested but released for lack of evidence, were subsequently retired from the Army.

April 29--A small group of oppositionists attacked the Cuban Army fortress called Cuartel Goicuria at Matanzas, Cuba, about sixty miles from Havana. The attack was repulsed and they reported thirteen of the attackers were killed.

May 9--The then Chief of the Cuban National Police, Brigadier General RAFAEL SALAS CANIZARES, called on ex-President PRIO at the latter's country home outside Havana and forced PRIO to accompany him to the airport where PRIO was placed aboard a plane for Miami. The official announcements of the government alleged that this action was taken because PRIO was again conspiring to overthrow the BATISTA Government.

October 28--In the early morning hours on this date Colonel ANTONIO BLANCO RICO, Chief of the Cuban Army Military Intelligence Service, was shot and killed in a downtown Havana night club and several persons accompanying him were wounded. This was the first individual assassination attempt against any high official of the Cuban Government.

October 29--Brigadier General RAFAEL SALAS CANIZARES, Chief of the Cuban National Police, called at the Haitian Embassy in Havana where he was allegedly met by gunfire from within the Embassy. In the ensuing gun battle SALAS CANIZARES was seriously wounded and some ten Cuban oppositionists, who had taken exile in the Haitian Embassy, were killed. This resulted in a strong diplomatic protest from the Haitian Government. Exact facts as to just what went on at the Haitian Embassy have never been made known and there have been varying versions as to just what occurred there.

*Cuba* October 31--General SALAS CANIZARES died of wounds received at the Haitian Embassy on October 29 and was succeeded as Chief of the Cuban National Police by Brigadier General ~~HERNANDO~~ HERNANDEZ HERNANDEZ.

November 30--A group of young men belonging to the 26th of July Movement (this movement takes its name from the July 26, 1953, attack on the Moncada fortress at Santiago de Cuba) attacked the respective headquarters of the National and Maritime Police in Santiago de Cuba. They were successful in taking and holding both headquarters for some time and in burning the headquarters of the National Police. The Cuban Army was eventually successful in regaining control of the situation and reported casualties were relatively small.

December 2--FIDEL CASTRO RUZ, leader of the 26th of July Movement, and some 80 of his followers made a landing on the south coast of Oriente Province, Cuba, from a yacht called the "Gramma" which they had traveled from Mexico on. It subsequently developed that this landing was to have been coordinated with the November 30 uprising in Santiago de Cuba, but due to circumstances beyond their control they did not arrive until December 2. There were numerous rumors that CASTRO had been killed in this landing; however, this was subsequently proved to be untrue.

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March 13--A group of approximately 40 PRIO followers led by ex-Congressman ~~MENELAO~~ MORA attacked the Presidential Palace in downtown Havana. The group was successful in penetrating the Palace and but for the lack of proper organization would probably have killed President BATISTA, *Cuba*

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who was in the Palace at the time. The attack was eventually repulsed by the Palace garrison and reinforcements from Camp Columbia and practically the entire group of attackers, including MENELAO MORA, was killed. Simultaneous with the attack, a small group, led by JOSE ECHEVARRIA, President of the Havana University Students Federation, took over a local radio station and announced that BATISTA was dead. ECHEVARRIA was intercepted by police after he left the radio station and was killed.

April 20--The police shot and killed four individuals who allegedly were resisting arrest. Included in this group was FRUCTUOSO RODRIGUEZ PEREZ, President of the Havana University Students Federation who succeeded JOSE ECHEVARRIA, mentioned above. Also killed was JUAN PEDRO CARBO SERVIA, who had been accused by Cuban authorities of having assassinated Colonel ANTONIO BLANCO RICO, Chief of the Military Intelligence Service.

May 24--A group of some 27 men, headed by one CALIXTO SANCHEZ WHITE, made a landing on the north coast of Oriente Province, Cuba, from a boat called the "Corinthea." Investigation indicated that this group, members of which were followers of ex-President PRIO, had departed from Miami on May 19, 1957. It was subsequently announced by the Cuban Government that 16 members of this group, including CALIXTO SANCHEZ WHITE, had engaged in combat with the Cuban Army and had been killed. Fairly reliable information received at a later date indicated that the group of 16 had actually been captured and had been ordered executed by Colonel FERMIN COWLEY, Chief of the Seventh Rural Guard Regiment of the Cuban Army with headquarters at Holguin, Oriente Province, Cuba.

May 28--In the early morning hours of this date an extremely potent bomb was exploded beneath underground high tension cables leading from the main electric plant in downtown Havana. A large area of the downtown section was left without electricity for approximately two days. Although large quantities of bombs had been set off by oppositionists in Havana and throughout the Island of Cuba on previous occasions, this was the first instance in which the oppositionists were successful in doing serious damage.

August 1--Recently arrived American Ambassador to Cuba, EARL E. T. SMITH, made a courtesy visit to Santiago de Cuba. A group of some 200 women oppositionists attempted to present Ambassador SMITH with a document protesting repressive activities of the Cuban Government. This demonstration was broken up by members of the Cuban Army and police, which led to a public statement by Ambassador SMITH which was somewhat critical of the Army and police action. On the same date and for independent reasons, a general strike was started in Santiago which in the next few days spread to other parts of the island. A general strike was scheduled for Havana on August 5, but due to strong repressive measures on the part of the police, the strike did not prosper in Havana and this in turn resulted in the collapse of the strike in other parts of the island.

September 5--Some of the members of the Cuban Navy detachment at Cienfuegos, Las Villas Province, Cuba, staged an uprising and took over the Navy Headquarters in Cienfuegos. They were joined by members of the 26th of July Movement and were successful in taking over National Police Headquarters in Cienfuegos and controlling the city until the afternoon of September 5 when Army reinforcements, aided by strafing planes of the Cuban Air Force, were successful in recapturing the city. This, of course, led to a large scale purge in the Cuban Navy and a number of Naval officers and enlisted men were court-martialed and convicted. Others were forcibly retired. It is to be noted that according to reliable information received, the Cienfuegos uprising was only a part of an over-all general plan which included an uprising of the Navy in Havana. Again, due to lack of coordination, the general plan was not carried out and through faulty communications the Cienfuegos group was not advised that the plan had been postponed.

November 23--Colonel FERMIN COWLEY, Chief of the Seventh Rural Guard Regiment of the Cuban Army with headquarters at Holguin, Oriente Province, Cuba, was shot and killed instantly by persons as yet unidentified by the Cuban Government. COWLEY was the object of extreme hatred on the part of members of the opposition because of his highhanded tactics which included the execution of more than 20 members of the opposition either by shooting or hanging at Christmas time 1956.

Apart from the above chronological sequence, it might be noted that from the Fall of 1956 until about April, 1957, a group of approximately 150 Cubans were in training in a camp in the Dominican Republic for the supposed purpose of making an invasion of Cuba. This training camp was reported to have grown out of arrangements made between ex-President PRIO and [REDACTED] b7c

Vague information has also been received that ex-President PRIO has endeavored to work out arrangements with the Haitian Government to utilize Haiti as a jumping off point for an invasion of Cuba.

#### Political Future:

The BATISTA Government has announced that general elections will be held on June 1, 1958. In recent political reorganizations four political parties belonging to the government coalition and four opposition parties qualified to participate in these general elections. Members of the opposition with whom contact has been had are generally pessimistic about whether: (a) The elections will be held at all; and (b) If the elections are held, they are extremely doubtful that they will be honest elections. President BATISTA has announced that he will not be a candidate, nor could he be a candidate under the present Constitution which prohibits any President from succeeding himself, but there is every indication that the government intends to continue the BATISTA regime in power.

In the event elections are not held or in the event BATISTA is overthrown or assassinated prior to the election date, it is felt that there is no one man in Cuba capable of maintaining control and public order. This leaves as an only alternative a military junta. From time to time there have been indications of increasing unrest in the Cuban Armed Forces and it is felt that such a junta is not a too remote possibility.

#### Intelligence

Because of the ever increasing opposition to the BATISTA Government, Cuban law enforcement and intelligence organizations have more and more dedicated their time and efforts to the investigation of opposition activities against the BATISTA Government and the repression of the same. Following is a brief summary and outline of the agencies engaged in investigation opposition activity and maintaining law and order in Cuba:



The Cuban Army is actually as much a policing as a military organization. Through its Rural Guard Regiments, it handles practically all investigative and police work in the interior of the Republic. The only truly military work presently being carried on by the Cuban Army is that of approximately 2,000 members of the Army who are in the Sierra Maestra Mountain region of Oriente Province endeavoring to capture or kill FIDEL CASTRO and his followers, who are still holding forth in that area following the December 2, 1956, landing.

The Cuban Army Military Intelligence Service is an investigative group whose efforts are dedicated almost exclusively to the investigation and repression of the activities of oppositionists to the BATISTA Government.

The Cuban National Police, while having island-wide jurisdiction, is mainly concentrated in the Havana area. While members of the National Police in Havana are largely used for maintaining law and order, one group headed by notorious Major ESTEBAN VENTURA NOVO, has been particularly effective in ferreting out oppositionists and seizing large quantities of arms and ammunition in possession of the oppositionists.

The Department of Investigation, Plain-clothes Unit of the National Police, also figures prominently in the control and the repression of oppositionist activities.

The Bureau for the Repression of Communist Activities (BRAC) was organized in 1955 for the alleged purpose of investigating and controlling both national and international Communist activities in Cuba. Its personnel at the outset was largely military and to date it has been a very ineffective organization in carrying out its stated purpose. In recent months, its original objective has been almost completely abandoned and all its efforts have been pointed toward the repression of opposition activities.

Other investigative agencies which are small and rather ineffective are the National Secret Police, a part of the Ministry of the Interior, and the Judicial Police of the Ministry of Justice.

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ACTION DESIRED

☐ Acknowledge

☐ Assign ..... Reassign .....

☐ Bring file

☐ Call me

☐ Correct

☐ Deadline .....

☐ Deadline passed

☐ Delinquent

☐ Expedite

☐ File

☐ Initial & return

☐ Leads need attention

☐ Open Case

☐ Return with explanation or notation as to action taken.

☐ Prepare lead cards

☐ Prepare tickler

☐ Recharge serials

☐ Return assignment card

☐ Return file

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☐ Search and return

☐ See me

☐ Send Serials .....

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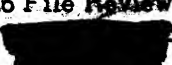

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Supervisor Room Ext.

Type of References Requested:

☐ Regular Request (Analytical Search)  
☐ All References (Subversive & Nonsubversive)  
☐ Subversive References Only  
☐ Nonsubversive References Only  
☐ Main References Only

Type of Search Requested:

☒ Restricted to Locality of Cuba - H.d.  
☐ Exact Name Only (On the Nose)  
☐ Buildup ☐ Variations  
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May 12, 1958

Director, FBI (109-12-210) - 272

**FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS - CUBA  
REGISTRATION ACT**

Enclosed for New York are two copies of Department letter dated 2-6-58. New York will immediately institute an investigation of this matter as requested by the Department.

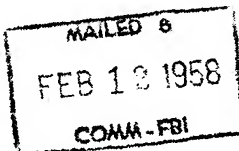
Separate case files should be opened on the individuals involved in this matter and separate reports submitted on each of the individuals involved.

In view of the request of the Department this matter must be given expeditious attention and reports submitted as at the earliest possible time.

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (Your file)

DATE: 4/2/58

FROM : Director, FBI

(Bufile and serial 109-12-210-272)

SUBJECT:

FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS - CUBA  
RD

Office of Origin: NY

1. ( ) The deadline in this case has passed and the Bureau has not received a report. You are instructed to submit a report immediately. In the event a report has been submitted, you should make a notation of the date on which it was submitted on this letter and return it to the Bureau, Room No. 1531

Report submitted

Report will be submitted

Reason for delay

Havana, interview

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2. ( ) Advise Bureau re status of this case.
3. ( ) Advise Bureau when report may be expected.
4. ( ) Surep immediately.

(Place your reply on this form and return to the Bureau. Note on the top serial in the case file the receipt and acknowledgment of this communication.)

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UNITED STATES

Office Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (109-12-210)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (109-46)

SUBJECT: FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS - CUBA  
REGISTRATION ACT

Rebulet 2/12/58 and Department letter to Director 2/6/58.

is identical with  
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Immediate investigation will be conducted on individuals mentioned in Department letter 2/6/58 and instructions contained in Bulet 2/12/58 will be complied with.

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January 27, 2005

Subject: MIAMI FILE 105 1742 & NY FILE 105-35253

FOIPA No. 0943670- 002

Dear Requester:

The enclosed documents were reviewed under the Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA), Title 5, United States Code, Section 552/552a. Deletions have been made to protect information which is exempt from disclosure, with the appropriate exemptions noted on the page next to the excision. In addition, a deleted page information sheet was inserted in the file to indicate where pages were withheld entirely. The exemptions used to withhold information are marked below and explained on the enclosed Form OPCA-16a:

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If you want the references, you must submit a separate request for them in writing, and they will be reviewed at a later date, as time and resources permit.

☒ See additional information which follows.

Sincerely yours,



David M. Hardy  
Section Chief  
Record/Information  
Dissemination Section  
Records Management Division

Enclosure(2)

This is the second interim release of material from MM 105-1742. This release is comprised of sections 3 and 4 of that file. Additional releases will be made to you until processing is completed.

Please be advised that there were documents from section 3 of MM 105-1742 excluded from this release since the documents have been transferred to the National Archives under the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act of 1962 for retention. If you have not already done so, you may wish to direct a request to the National Archives for MM 105-1742.

**EXPLANATION OF EXEMPTIONS****SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552**

- (b) (1) (A) specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and (B) are in fact properly classified pursuant to such Executive order;
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**SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552a**

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC'S NEW YORK, WASHINGTON FIELD

NEW YORK VIA WASHINGTON

FROM SAE, MIAMI

ANTI FIDEL CASTRO ACTIVITIES, IS DASH CUBA. REBULET FIVE ONE FIFTY-  
NINE. ON MAY FOURTEEN [REDACTED]ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 3-11-83 BY SP6 JCF/MA

[REDACTED] NOW EXILED IN MIAMI, ADVISED THAT ON MAY THIRTEEN DR. EMILIO NUNEZ PORTUONDO TOLD HIM PORTUONDO IS LEAVING MIAMI MAY SEVENTEEN OR EIGHTEEN FOR DOMINICAN REPUBLIC UPON TELEPHONIC b7C INVITATION FROM GENERALISSIMO RAFAEL TRUJILLO FOR PURPOSE DISCUSSING UNIFACATION OF ANTI CASTRO MOVEMENTS IN MIAMI, MEXICO. DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, AND CUBA AGAINST CASTRO GOVERNMENT IN CUBA. AFTER THIS DISCUSSION. TRUJILLO WANTS PORTUONDO PROCEED WASHINGTON, D.C. FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH STATE DEPARTMENT IN ORDER EXPLAIN SITUATION, TO ASCERTAIN U. S. ATTITUDE TOWARD MOVEMENT TO OUST CASTRO REGIME, AND TO SOLICIT U. S. SYMPATHY RE SAME. PORTUONDO, FORMER CUBAN AMBASSADOR TO UN, IS CLOSE FRIEND JOHN FOSTER DULLES, HENRY CABOT LODGE, AND OTHER PROMINENT STATE DEPARTMENT AND UN REPRESENTATIVES. HE IS ANTI COMMUNIST AND COMMANDS GREAT RESPECT IN CUBA AND U.S. ACCORDING [REDACTED] PORTUONDO EXPECTS RETURN MIAMI ABOUT WEDNESDAY NEXT AND IS SCHEDULED CONTACT [REDACTED] BEFORE PROCEEDING WASHINGTON, D.C. [REDACTED] STATED

TRUJILLO HAS ACQUIRED FORTY FIVE TO FIFTY VAMPIRE AIRPLANES, HAS

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Special Agent in Charge

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RECEIVED FIFTEEN HUNDRED ENGLISH MADE MACHINE GUNS, HAS SPENT ABOUT SEVEN MILLION DOLLARS DURING PAST MONTH ON MILITARY EQUIPMENT, AND IS NOW PREPARED FOR ANY OFFENSIVE OR DEFENSIVE EVENTUALITY.

[ ] STATED THAT TRUJILLO WILL COOPERATE FULLY WITH ANTI CASTRO MOVEMENT UNLESS U.S. DISAPPROVES. [ ] SAID PORTUONDO WILL NOT ACCEPT ROLANDO MASFERER WHO IS PROMINENT LEADER IN ONE ANTI CASTRO GROUPS IN MIAMI. MIAMI WILL PROMPTLY ADVISE RESULTS b7C

[ ] NEXT MEETING WITH PORTUONDO. PROTECT IDENTITY [ ]

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Special Agent in Charge



Miami, Florida  
May 15, 1959

MEMO, SAC

RE: ANTI-CASTRO MOVEMENT  
IS - CUBA

On May 5, 1959, [redacted]  
[redacted] Miami, Florida, furnished the following information  
to SAs [redacted] and [redacted]

Beginning at 11:00 p.m. on the night of May 5, 1959, an anti-communist radio program will be started over radio station WMIE with 15 minutes in English and 15 minutes in Spanish. This program is sponsored by the "Movimiento Anti-Communist America Latino", a corporation set up by [redacted] at Miami. [redacted] is supported by contributions from many anti-communist sympathizers. b7C

On May 7, 1959, [redacted]  
[redacted] North Miami, Florida, telephonically advised that he had become somewhat disillusioned as the manager of the radio station WMIE, [redacted] had told him that he was going to have to discontinue his nightly broadcast, claiming that a frontal attack on the CASTRO government was childish. [redacted] suggested to [redacted] that he build up CASTRO on his program and merely suggest that CASTRO make corrections in his government. [redacted] said that the radio station allegedly had received telephonic complaints concerning the anti-communist and anti-CASTRO character of this program and that a fight had occurred on the previous night at the radio station. b7C

On May 11, 1959, [redacted] telephonically advised that radio station WMIE had cut him off the air completely after only two broadcasts, but that he was attempting to make arrangements for continuation of his program by other means:

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Date: May 15, 1959

To: Mr. E. Tomlin Bailey  
Director  
Office of Security  
Department of State  
515 22nd Street, N. W.  
Washington 25, D. C.

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: ANTI-FIDEL CASTRO ACTIVITIES  
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA

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On May 13, 1959, [redacted] who has furnished information concerning Cuban activities in the past, advised that she learned from a Cuban official that Fidel Castro, Prime Minister of Cuba, has a hazy dream of liberating Latin-American people from dictators and eventually uniting Latin-American countries into possibly one nation.

This Cuban official reportedly advised [redacted] that Castro on May 9, 1959, met with a group of Haitians and on May 10, 1959, with a group made up of Guatemalans, Nicaraguans and two Costa Ricans. Both meetings allegedly were for the purpose of discussing aid to be given by Castro in forthcoming invasions. According to the information furnished by [redacted] the meetings ended and no agreement was reached. However, Castro's assurance of help was reportedly obtained. b7C

The afore-mentioned Cuban official reportedly advised [redacted] that Fidel Castro had seen Enrique Jimenez, Dominican revolutionary, three times during the past weekend and that the son of President Trujillo of the Dominican Republic is trying to provoke a situation with Cuba which would prompt Trujillo to allow military force under his son to strike at Cuba. 18

1 - New York  
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**Mr. E. Tomlin Bailey**

**It was the opinion of the afore-mentioned Cuban official that Castro might resort to the use of a military force against Panama if the diplomats failed to gain the release of the Cuban expeditionaries being held in Panama.**

**According to [redacted] an unidentified source advised her that Raul Castro, Fidel Castro's brother, was receiving three and one-half per cent on sales by certain fruit shippers for "expediting" the shipping of fruit out of the country.**

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**The above is for your information.**

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**1 - Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence  
Department of the Army**

**Attention: Chief, Security Division**

**1 - Director of Naval Intelligence**

**1 - Office of Special Investigations  
Air Force**

**1 - Bureau of Customs**

**1 - Immigration and Naturalization Service**

**1 - Major General Robert A. Breitweiser, USAF  
Director for Intelligence  
The Joint Staff  
Room 2E966  
The Pentagon  
Washington 25, D. C.**

DIRECTOR, FBI (109-584)

5/13/59

SAC, NEW YORK (105-35253)

ANTI-FIDEL CASTRO ACTIVITIES  
IS - CUBA

ReBulet to NY, dated 5/4/59, and NYlet to Director,  
dated 5/11/59.

[redacted] NYC, advised on 5/11/59, that he was not engaged in the purchase of arms for any anti-CASTRO revolutionary organization. [redacted] stated that he has never been engaged in sub activities nor would he know how and from whom to purchase arms for revolutionary purposes. [redacted] advised that he has been a career Cuban State Department employee and has never engaged in such activity. [redacted] advised that whenever he did receive contact from individuals, who desired to sell arms to the former Cuban Government of ex-President FULGENCIO BATISTA, he always referred these individuals to the proper military authorities who were stationed at Camp Columbia, Havana, Cuba. b7C

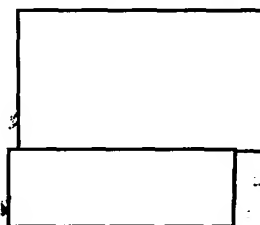
[redacted] also advised that he has known Dr. JOHGE BARROSO for many years and that his association with BARROSO has been one of social contact. [redacted] advised that Dr. BARROSO is a very wealthy businessman, who is an attorney by profession but who has devoted his entire life to the sugar industry in Cuba. [redacted] advised that Dr. BARROSO was the Head of the Sugar Institute in Havana, Cuba, from 1951 until the overthrow of the Cuban Government of BATISTA on 1/1/59. [redacted] stated that Dr. BARROSO is a man of well known reputation in economics in Cuba, Latin America and Europe. He stated that Dr. BARROSO has never been engaged in politics nor has he ever been engaged in revolutionary activities.

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[ ] also advised that recently in a newspaper article appearing in one of the Havana newspapers, there was a story connecting Dr. BARROSO and FRANCISCO TABERNILLA, JR. with a group of anti-CASTRO people. [ ] stated that this was untrue and also related that BARROSO was never friendly with the TABERNILLA family nor was he, [ ] very friendly with the TABERNILLAS. [ ] advised that in the aforementioned newspaper article his name did not appear as being engaged in anti-CASTRO activities. b7C

[ ] on 5/8/59, telephonically advised that he had spoken to Dr. BARROSO about the allegations that Dr. BARROSO was involved in anti-CASTRO activities. [ ] stated that BARROSO was very upset about this matter and desired to speak with a representative of the Bureau concerning this matter.

Dr. JORGE BARROSO, 655 Park Ave., NYC, was interviewed on 5/8/59, at which time Dr. BARROSO stated that he has been engaged all his life in the sugar industry in Cuba and that he is a lawyer by profession. BARROSO advised that he has never engaged in politics in any way during his entire lifetime nor has he ever engaged in any revolutionary activities nor has he ever been involved in the purchase of arms for such purposes.

Dr. BARROSO stated that throughout his life, he has remained neutral in political matters in Cuba and has been on a friendly basis with former Presidents RAMON GRAU SAN MARTIN, FULGENCIO BATISTA and CARLOS PRIO SOCARRAS. Dr. BARROSO stated that in 1931, he was appointed Head of the Sugar Institute by Dr. PRIO, who was then President of Cuba and then after PRIO was overthrown by BATISTA, BARROSO continued him in his position as Head of the Sugar Institute in Cuba. Dr. BARROSO stated that he held this post until 1/1/59, when the BATISTA Government was overthrown. BARROSO stated that he stayed on in Havana to assist the people who were taking over the new Government and instructed them regarding the policies and procedures of the Sugar Institute. BARROSO stated that he is a very close friend of ALBERTO FERNANDEZ CASAS, father of ALBERTO FERNANDEZ, who is now the new Head of the Sugar Institute under the Government of FIDEL CASTRO, Prime Minister of Cuba.

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Dr. BARROSO stated that he had been advised by one of his sons, who recently returned from Havana, that an article had appeared in one of the Havana newspapers linking Dr. BARROSO with General FRANCISCO TABERNILLA, JR. and other individuals engaged in anti-CASTRO activities in the US. Dr. BARROSO stated that this story was untrue and he desired to go to Havana to defend himself and the reputation of his family but that he had been advised to the contrary since such an accusation branded him as anti-revolutionary and meant automatic imprisonment and probably execution.

Dr. BARROSO advised that one day during March, 1959, while General FRANCISCO TABERNILLA, JR., was visiting NY, he met TABERNILLA together with [REDACTED] b7C

[REDACTED] and former brother-in-law of FIDEL CASTRO in TABERNILLA's suite at the Waldorf Astoria. Dr. BARROSO stated that he accepted this invitation of TABERNILLA because he was desirous of knowing what was going on in Cuba and what information TABERNILLA might have regarding plans of former Government officials to get back into power. BARROSO advised that there was nothing discussed at this meeting regarding anti-revolutionary activities nor was the purchase of arms discussed at this meeting. BARROSO advised that TABERNILLA invited them to lunch and that he, BARROSO, wanted to have lunch in TABERNILLA's suite but TABERNILLA insisted on going downstairs to one of the dining rooms in the Waldorf. BARROSO stated that it is his opinion that since many Latins are employed at the Waldorf he had been seen and presumed that there was rumors that this group was actually engaged in anti-CASTRO activities.

Dr. BARROSO stated that he is renting his apartment at 655 Park Avenue, until 6/5/59, at which time he, his wife, two sons, daughter and son-in-law, will sail on the USS "Independence" for Spain. BARROSO stated that he has rented a Villa outside of Madrid for three months and intends to travel extensively in Europe and he feels that at the end of this three month period the situation in Cuba will be altered and that CASTRO will have been overthrown and that he and his family will then return to Cuba.

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The Bureau, Miami and Washington Field's attention is directed to NY airtel dated 2/20/59, entitled, "ALLEGED PLOT AGAINST CURRENT VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT; IS-VENEZUELA", page two of this referenced airtel, paragraph one reflects that investigation conducted by WFO regarding [redacted] who is the source of information regarding the alleged activities on the part of FRANCISCO TABERNILLA, [redacted] and JORGE BARROSO, indicates that [redacted] is unreliable and that he admitted that the allegation that Venezuelans had met in the Taft Hotel, NYC on 1/30/59, to discuss plans to gain power in Venezuela was pure conjecture on his part. Investigation conducted by the NYO reflects that persons named by [redacted] as residing in the Taft Hotel did not reside there in January, 1959, as he had indicated. b7C

It is the opinion of the NYO that no further investigation should be conducted concerning this matter involving TABERNILLA, [redacted] and BARROSO.

109-584

**Date:** May 13, 1959

**To:** Mr. E. Tomlin Bailey  
Director  
Office of Security  
Department of State  
515 22nd Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

**From:** John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

**Subject:** ANTI-FIDEL CASTRO ACTIVITIES  
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FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTER - CUBA  
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA

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DATE 5-11-85 BY SP6 BJA/TAK

Reference is made to my communication dated May 6, 1959, captioned "Anti-Fidel Castro Activities" which transmitted information to the effect that Batista elements had assembled arms in the West Palm Beach area of Florida possibly including two P-51 planes.

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[redacted] who has furnished information concerning Cuban activities in the past, on May 7, 1959, advised that the arms mentioned in the referenced communication were purchased by former Cuban Senator Rolando Masferrer and that a United States pilot named Mackie or Mickey may fly one of the planes for the Batista element. The arms reportedly include 1,000 Springfield rifles and 150 Thompson machine guns. She stated that the information was furnished to her by [redacted]

[redacted] military leader, for "passing to FBI in hopes it can do something about it."

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[redacted] stated that according to Enrique Cabre, a Fidel Castro adjutant, 3,000 marines have received training by the Castro forces to be used for invasions of other countries but the plan was abandoned as a result of embarrassment to Castro over the Panamanian incident and the fear that the activities of the Organization of American States will be directed against Cuba.

Cabre reportedly quoted Raul Castro, Fidel Castro's brother, as stating that Fidel Castro promised to appoint Blas Roca, Secretary General of the Communist Party of Cuba, as Labor Minister and to change the Minister of Agriculture upon Castro's return to Cuba. Concerning the Minister of Agriculture, Nori Marin, information was received on May 7, 1959, by a source close to this individual, that Marin is disappointed at the "leftist" trend of the Cuban Government and the fact that he does not have more to say in the agrarian reform program which Commander Ernesto "Che" Guevara appears to be controlling.

Cabre also reportedly stated that about 1,700 persons have been executed to date instead of less than 600 as has been reported and that the 90-day suspension of habeas corpus was issued by Raul Castro and Guevara without clearance of Fidel Castro.

The above is for your information. We are endeavoring to obtain additional information and pertinent results will be furnished to you.

1 - [redacted]

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1 - Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence  
Department of the Army

Attention: Chief, Security Division

- 2 -

~~SECRET~~

**Mr. S. Tomlin Bailey**

**1 - Director of Naval Intelligence**

**1 - Office of Special Investigations  
Air Force**

**1 - Bureau of Customs**

**1 - Immigration and Naturalization Service**

**1 - Major General Robert A. Brettlecker, USAF  
Director for Intelligence  
The Joint Staff  
Room 21966  
The Pentagon  
Washington 25, D. C.**

**NOTE FOR SAC, MIAMI:**

ReButel 5/5/59 captioned "Anti-Fidel Castro Activities, Internal Security - Cuba." Immediately endeavor to identify U. S. pilot named Mackie or Mickey. Submit results under separate caption.

Post Office Box 52-157  
Biscayne Annex  
Miami 52, Florida  
May 19, 1959

Mr. Joseph A. Fortier  
Supervising Customs Agent  
Post Office Box 390  
Miami 13, Florida

RE: ANTI-FIDEL CASTRO ACTIVITIES

Dear Sir:

On May 5, 1959, [redacted] of New York City, who is familiar with Cuban revolutionary activities, advised that [redacted] of the Cuban Sugar Institute, Havana, stated on May 4, 1959, the former followers of ex-President of Cuba Fulgencio Batista, have assembled arms in the area of West Palm Beach, Florida. b7C

[redacted] stated this arms cache probably included two P-51 airplanes to be used in a counter revolution against the government of Fidel Castro of Cuba on some unknown date.

[redacted] stated possibly one of these P-51's may be used in an attempt to shoot down the airplane used by Fidel Castro's Prime Minister of Cuba on his return to Cuba from South America. At the present time the Miami Office of the FBI has no further information concerning the above allegations. b7C

Very truly yours,

LEE O. TEAGUE  
Special Agent in Charge

2 - US customs  
1 - Miami 105-1742  
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Date: 5/20/59

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, NEW YORK

FROM: SAC, MIAMI

ANTI FIDEL CASTRO ACTIVITIES. IS DASH CUBA. BUFILE ONE  
 ZERO NINE FIVE EIGHT FOUR. [REDACTED] ADVISED b2  
 TODAY ~~###~~ JOSE LUIS PUJOL, ONE ZERO ZERO ONE SW TWENTY b7D  
 SECOND ST., MIAMI, ~~##~~ ACTIVE IN ANTI CASTRO ACTIVITY  
 AND MEMBER ~~##~~ LOOSE KNIT ANTI CASTRO GROUP. PUJOL WANTS  
 INFORMANT ~~##~~ IMMEDIATELY OBTAIN FOUR P FIFTYONES, TWO  
 VAMPIRE JET PLANES, ~~##~~ ONE TRANSPORT CAPABLE ~~##~~ CARRYING  
 FIFTY MEN, ~~##~~ TWENTYFOUR MACHINE GUNS, AMMUNITION AND  
 BOMBS FOR THE PLANES AND THIS ARMAMENT IMMEDIATELY INSTALLED.  
 P FIFTYONES AND JETS HAVE TO BE READY TO LEAVE MIAMI IN  
 FIFTEEN OR TWENTY DAYS. PUJOL HAS ADEQUATE MONEY TO PAY  
 CASH FOR PLANES AND GUNS AND INTENDS ~~##~~ LEASE ~~##~~ AIRPORT TO  
 MAKE NECESSARY INSTALLATIONS AND LOADING OF PLANES FROM US

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TO UNKNOWN DESTINATION. PLANES WILL BE FLOWN ~~FROM~~ <sup>FROM</sup> MIAMI  
~~TO~~ RENDEZVOUS FOR INVASION ~~THE~~ CUBA. EXPEDITION TO CONSIST  
~~UNKNOWN~~ UNKNOWN NUMBER ~~THE~~ MEN FROM GUATEMALA, NICARAGUA,  
MIAMI AND A THOUSAND FROM DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. EXPEDITION  
WILL INVADE CUBA FROM DIFFERENT COASTAL AREAS. NO MOUNTAIN  
WARFARE WILL BE FOUGHT. EXPEDITION WILL HAVE AID FROM ANTI  
CASTRO GROUPS IN CUBA SUCH AS DEFECTED JULY TWENTYSIX  
MEMBERS AND OTHER UNIDENTIFIED GROUPS. INFORMANT IS  
CONTACTING [REDACTED] TO OBTAIN NECESSARY MACHINE  
GUNS. INFORMANT UNABLE ~~THE~~ OBTAIN ADDITIONAL DETAILS AT  
THIS TIME, BUT HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED ~~THE~~ MAKE EVERY EFFORT ~~THE~~  
OBTAIN COMPLETE FACTS, ~~CONFIDENTIALITY~~ CUSTOMS  
~~THE~~ BEING ADVISED. BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED OF ALL  
DEVELOPMENTS.

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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Per

[Signature]

Tampa, Florida  
5/19/59

MEMO, SAC:

Re: ANTI-FIDEL CASTRO ACTIVITIES  
IS - CUBA

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Re Miami airtel to Bureau 5/9/59 and Buairtel to Miami 5/12/59. b7D

[redacted] who was erroneously identified in ref Miami airtel  
[redacted] is actually [redacted]  
[redacted] Sarasota, Florida.

Suggest this be reassigned to Sarasota for handling.

SA  
[redacted]

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*cc on a/c send card & Serial 209-180-1945*  
*Relinquish check to see if [redacted] is source of info on same*  
*if so interview re any purchase of P 51. by [redacted] for [redacted]*  
*See Serials 209, 180 and 194. if not established same*  
*advise [redacted] let [redacted] info*

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SAC, New York [redacted] (C)

Director, FBI [redacted] (C)

May 19, 1959

[redacted] (C)

Reurairtel 5/8/59 captioned "Anti-Fidel Castro Activities," with enclosure, in which you requested

[redacted] (C)

Miami immediately furnish New York and Bureau the names of individuals active in anti-Fidel Castro groups in the Miami and Palm Beach areas it would be to our advantage that [redacted] contact. Miami also include any specific items it is particularly interested in obtaining information about through [redacted] (C) furnish name of agent to be contacted in Miami in event trip authorized.

Upon receipt Miami information, New York promptly submit recommendations in detail as to approximate cost of trip, duration of trip, pretext to be used by [redacted] (C) as to his reason for being in Florida, and the names and addresses of persons he contemplates contacting with particular emphasis on those of interest to Miami.

(2) - Miami

1 - WFO

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Miami, Florida  
May 20, 1959

MEMO, SAC

RE: [REDACTED] b7C  
IS - CUBA.

On May 15, 1959, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Miami Beach, telephone [REDACTED]  
telephonically advised his radio station, through him and  
[REDACTED] were requested by [REDACTED] b7C  
and [REDACTED] for radio time re a news commentary. He b7D  
said the men were with WMIE radio station for a short  
period, and his inquiries there indicate the two men broke  
a ruling that they show the station radio material to be  
used before it was aired. He said they would pay the sta-  
tion \$150.00 for a half-hour nightly. Their broadcast was  
to be a commentary editorializing news items allegedly to  
be of an anti-Communist vein. He said he received some  
indication the two men were part of an anti-FIDEL CASTRO  
group with possibly PRIO money behind them. He said he  
appreciated the confidential nature of our files and wanted  
to furnish this information, and he wondered what he might  
do to learn more concerning the men. b7C

I asked him other questions concerning them which  
he could not answer, and he said he realized he knew little  
and should learn more from an interview of them which was  
planned, and stated he would again call us.

On May 18, 1959, [REDACTED] called to advise [REDACTED] is b7C  
in the investment mortgage business, as is apparently [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] He said they represent, "Movement, Anti-Communist,  
American and Latin Foundation, Inc." He said they have no

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axe to grind with FIDEL CASTRO as an individual, but what they say is growing Communism in Cuba. He stated [redacted] b7C claimed the reason they were tossed off WMIE was that their program there was 15 minutes English with 15 minutes Spanish translation, and the Spanish interpreter was taking license with their copy. [redacted] said [redacted] told him United States Commissioner ROGER DAVIS is "well aware of their foundation."

Having discussed the initial call with SA [redacted] b7C I asked [redacted] if one of our Agents might talk to him in confidence just for information on this organization and the men, and he said he would certainly be glad to, as would [redacted] b7D with full discretion. I told him our wanting to talk to him was not to be construed in any way for or against [redacted] but was for our information, and he said he understood.

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ALLAN GILLIES  
ASAC

DIRECTOR, FBI (109-584)

5/21/59

SAC, MIAMI (105-1742)

ANTI-FIDEL CASTRO ACTIVITIES  
IS - CUBA

ReBulet 4/16/59. concerning newspaper clipping, b7C  
sent to Bureau, by [redacted]

On 5/13/59 [redacted] Investigator, b7D  
INS, Miami, advised that the records of his office reflected  
the following information:

Name  
Alien Registration No.  
DOB  
POB  
Arrived in U.S.  
Former Wife

[redacted]  
Havana, Cuba  
2/27/54

Arrests

[redacted]  
Miami, Fla.  
7/21/50, by the Cuban Bureau  
of Investigation on a charge  
of attempted homicide;  
7/18/50, by the Cuban Bureau  
of Investigation, charged  
with the murder of a person  
named "NEGRON".

On 5/13/59 [redacted]  
[redacted] Miami, advised that she was the former wife of [redacted] b7C  
[redacted] but she had not seen him for about a year and could provide no information concerning him. b7D

On 5/13/59 [redacted] same address, sister of [redacted]  
[redacted] advised that she had been in Havana, Cuba,  
and on 2/26/59, had talked to [redacted] and [redacted]  
[redacted] who are presently employed by ORLANDO RODRIGUEZ,  
Minister of Gobernacion, Havana, Cuba. [redacted] stated that  
she did not know the identity of [redacted] b7C

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[ ] said that [ ] had previously worked at some hotel on Miami Beach as a waiter, but after the fall of the BATISTA regime, returned to Cuba and continues to reside there. b7C b7D

Extra copies of this letter are being furnished to the Bureau for dissemination to the Legat, Havana, in the event the Bureau desires [ ] interviewed.

DIRECTOR, FBI (109-584)

5/21/59

SAC, MIAMI (105-1742)

ANTI-FIDEL CASTRO ACTIVITIES  
IS - CUBA

Re myairtel, 5/13/59, concerning bribery operation being carried on by U.S. Customs, Miami.

On 5/13/59 [ ] Customs Agent, U.S. Customs, Miami, advised that also cooperating with the group involving JULIO LAURENT, MARIANO FAGET and Dominican Consul FERRANDO is EDUARDO HERNANDEZ, former Cuban Consul General in Miami, and JULIO POWER, former registered agent of the Cuban Government.

[ ] stated that HERNANDEZ has money, political influence and a group in Miami supporting him, and desires to be the next president of Cuba.

JULIO POWER has no influence, money or political following, and appears to be doing odd jobs and messenger type activity for this group.

[ ] stated that ROLANDO MASFERRER, former Cuban Senator, is not included in the above group and is not well considered by this group, nor acceptable to them, because of his bad reputation in Cuba. b7C

[ ] stated that General FRANCISCO TABERNILLA, former Chief of Staff of the Cuban Army, presently residing in West Palm Beach, Fla., does not belong to the above group, is not included in their activities, and U.S. Customs has no information that he is in possession of any arms or articles of war, or is engaged in anti-CASTRO activity.

[ ] advised that ORLANDO PIEDRA, former Chief of the Cuban Bureau of Investigation, presently residing in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., is also actively involved in the above group, but LANKFORD did not know the extent of PIEDRA's involvement.

[ ] continued that JOSEPH C. LIQUORI, who is a patrolman on the Intelligence Squad of the Miami Police

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Department, is very actively involved in the above group. [ ] stated LIQUORI is closely connected with Dominican Consul FERRANDO and now exhibits fear that if he does not register as a foreign agent, he will be prosecuted by the Federal Government.

LIQUORI is known to the Miami Office as a close friend and associate of General RAMPIS TRUJILLO, Chief of the Dominican Air Force. He accompanied TRUJILLO on the latter's visit to the United States and attendance at Army General Staff School, Ft. Leavenworth, Kan., in 1958. LIQUORI is allegedly involved in sending girls and small arms to the Dominican Republic for the use of RAFAEL and RAMPIS TRUJILLO. b7C

[ ] stated that he fears that if FAGET and HERNANDEZ become aware that he is cooperating with the Dominican Consul concerning an arms shipment, they will want the Consul to discontinue any further contacts with [ ]

[ ] explained that he has known FAGET and HERNANDEZ for a number of years, that they were well acquainted with U.S. Customs operations, and have great faith in [ ] honesty.

[ ] said that at a recent meeting at the Dominican Consulate, FERRANDO had JULIO POWER come in the room and personally identify [ ] as being themselves and Customs Agents. It appeared that FERRANDO wanted to make sure he was talking to [ ] and not impersonators.

[ ] stated that he and [ ] were not making any written reports in this matter; Customs did not want the information concerning Customs' activity in this bribery case disseminated outside the Bureau; there was no date scheduled for apprehensions, and that decisions were being made on a day-to-day basis.

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To \_\_\_\_\_ From \_\_\_\_\_

Employee

Location

Miami, Florida  
May 19, 1959

MEMO, SAC

RE: ANTI-CASTRO ACTIVITIES  
IS - CUBA

On May 6, 1959, [redacted]  
residing [redacted] advised that a secret  
Anti-CASTRO organization, [redacted]

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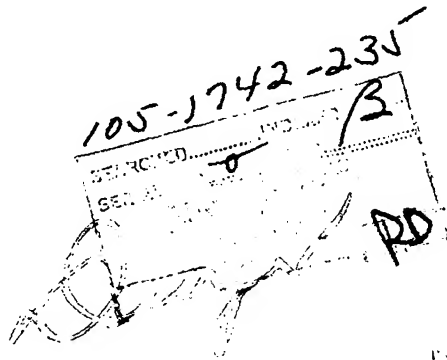
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[redacted] possessed no details concerning the  
present activities of this organization. He stated, however,  
that the TABERNILLAS and other wealthy exiles of the BATISTA  
Government, are not contributing to the aid and support of  
other exiles who are badly in need of financial aid.

[redacted]  
Special Agent

1 - Miami (105-1742)  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Miami

DATE: May 18, 1959

FROM : Director, FBI (109-584)

SUBJECT: ANTI-FIDEL CASTRO ACTIVITIES  
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA

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ReNYairtel 5/5/59 with enclosure.

On page 2 of enclosure information is set forth that former Cuban Army officers General Francisco Tabernilla y Palmero and his father, General Francisco Tabernilla y Dolz, are active in the anti-Castro movement. You are instructed to immediately institute investigation of the Tabernillas to determine their background, contacts and activities and the extent of their participation in anti-Fidel Castro activities. Submit separate reports.

1 - New York

*New case  
opened by memo  
re Tabernillas*

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, Miami (105-1742)

DATE: May 18, 1959

FROM : Director, FBI (109-584)

SUBJECT: ANTI-FIDEL CASTRO ACTIVITIES  
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Rerep SA [ ] dated 5/5/59.

In the cover pages to rerep it is stated that since the report is not to be disseminated outside the Bureau only the identities of the symbolized informants have been protected.

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In order that the Bureau can be aware of which of the individuals in rerep should have their identities protected in addition to the symbolized informants, you are instructed to promptly advise the Bureau the names of the individuals in rerep whose identities should not be disclosed.

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In the future it is suggested that where the identity of an individual is to be protected, the word protect be placed immediately following his name so that if dissemination of the information contained in rerep is made at some future time the identity of the source of the information will be protected.

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Handle promptly



DIRECTOR, FBI (109-584)

May 21, 1959

SAC, MIAMI (105-1742)

ANTI-FIDEL CASTRO ACTIVITIES  
INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA

Rereport of SA [redacted] May 5, 1959 and Bulet May 18, 1959 concerning identities of persons to be concealed if information disseminated.

Set forth below are persons to be concealed and information concerning their reliability:

[redacted] - who has furnished reliable information in the past.

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[redacted] - insufficient contact has been had with him to determine his reliability, but he is in a position to know.

[redacted] - furnished reliable information in the past.  
(For information of Bureau, [redacted] is being concealed because the information he furnished relates to [redacted])

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[redacted] - who is in a position to furnish reliable information, but whose reliability has not yet been determined because of insufficient contact.

[redacted] - who has furnished reliable information in the past.

[redacted] - has furnished reliable information in the past.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (109-581-5)

May 21, 1959

SAC, MIAMI (109-45)

**CARIBBEAN REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITIES  
MISC. - INFORMATION CONCERNING**

O-1 Form dated May 1, 1959, referring to Bureau airtel February 19, 1959, to Miami, regarding a new anti-Castro organization, is herewith returned with following explanation.

Subsequent investigation reflects there is no organization specifically entitled, "Anti Revolutionary Party", as set forth in New York teletype to Bureau February 19, 1959, entitled, "Caribbean Revolutionary Activities - FPM - Miscellaneous."

Investigation concerning anti-Castro movements is presently being conducted, and a summary of these movements is set forth in report of SA [redacted] [redacted] dated May 5, 1959, Miami, in case entitled, "ANTI FIDEL CASTRO ACTIVITIES, IS-CUBA," Bufile 109-584, Miami File 105-1742.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (105-1742)

ANTI DASH FIDEL CASTRO ACTIVITIES, IS DASH CUBA.  
RE MIAMI AIRTEL TO BUREAU MAY THIRTEEN LAST.

[ ] SUPERVISING AGENT, U. S. CUSTOMS,  
MIAMI, ADVISED CUSTOMS CONTEMPLATES ARRESTING ALL  
SUBJECTS TODAY WHO ARE INVOLVED IN CONSPIRACY TO  
BRIBE MIAMI CUSTOMS AGENTS. [ ] MENTIONED  
CUSTOMS PLANNED TO ARREST AUGUSTO M. FERRANDO,  
DOMINICAN CONSUL, MIAMI; JOSEPH C. LIQUORI, MIAMI  
POLICEMAN, AND CONFIDANT OF RAMFIS TRUJILLO; LEONARD  
TRENTO, NEWARK, N. J., ALLEGED DOMINICAN AGENT. [ ]  
DID NOT FURNISH NAMES OF OTHER INDIVIDUALS DUE TO TIME  
ELEMENT INVOLVED. HE STATED SECRET WARRANTS OF ARREST  
OBTAINED MAY TWENTYONE LAST. MIAMI MAINTAINING CLOSE  
LIAISON WITH CUSTOMS AND WILL ADVISE BUREAU OF DETAILS.

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Approved: [ ]  
Special Agent in Charge

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, MIAMI

ANTI DASH FIDEL CASTRO ACTIVITIES. IS DASH CUBA. BUFILE  
ONE ZERO NINE DASH FIVE EIGHT FOUR. RE MIAMI TEL TODAY. b7C

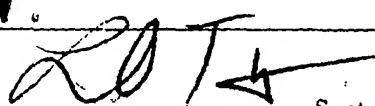
[REDACTED] ASST. SUPERVISING AGENT, U. S. CUSTOMS, MIAMI,  
ADVISED THE FOLLOWING PERSONS ARRESTED TODAY INVOLVED IN  
CONSPIRACY TO BRIBE CUSTOM AGENTS AND TO ILLEGALLY SHIP ARMS  
TO DOMINICAN REPUBLIC; JOSEPH C. LIQUORI, MIAMI POLICEMAN;  
LEONARD TRENTON, NEWARK, N. J., ALLEGED DOMINICAN AGENT;  
JOSE PAULINO, D. R. VICE CONSUL; MIGUEL FONDEUR, CLERK  
DR CONSULATE. PAULINO AND FONDEUR BEING HELD AS MATERIAL  
WITNESSES OF BRIBERY. FOLLOWING PERSONS ARRESTED WHEN  
TWENTY SEVEN THOUSAND DOLLARS WORTH ARMS WERE BEING LOADED  
ABOARD C DASH SEVEN FOUR, FOUR ENGINE CARGOPLANE, REGISTERED  
TO AKROS DYNAMICS CORP., ONE EIGHT ONE ZERO TERMINAL TOWER,  
CLEVELAND, OHIO: DOMINICK EDWARD BARTON, CLEVELAND, OHIO,  
WHO CLAIMED TO OWN PLANE; SAMUEL EUGENE POOLE, JR., PILOT,  
TAMPA, FLA.; VIRGINIA L. BLAND, FREE LANCE COPILOT; ADDRESS

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Approved: 

Special Agent in Charge

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NOT KNOWN; JOHN EMBRY, TAMPA CREW MEMBER; JOSE ANDREW VIERA, LABORER; WILLIAM QUITMAN BROOKLEY, ACTIVITIES UNKNOWN, MIAMI; ELIGO CARRADO TRIANA, LABORER, MIAMI; PEDRO SANTANA, MIAMI, LABORER; OSCAR RAGES, ACTIVITIES AND ADDRESS UNKNOWN. AIRPLANE BEING HELD BY CUSTOMS. AUGUSTO M. FERRANDO, D. R. CONSUL, MIAMI, NOT ARRESTED AS HE REMAINED IN CONSULATE UNTIL HE COULD CONFER WITH ATTORNEY AS TO WHETHER OR NOT HE WOULD SURRENDER HIMSELF. [REDACTED] ADVISED ALL PERSONS INVOLVED AND ARRESTED WILL HAVE HEARING THIS AFTERNOON BEFORE USC. b7C

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, MIAMI

ANTI DASH FIDEL CASTRO ACTIVITIES. IS DASH CUBA. BUFILE ONE ZERO  
NINE DASH FIVE EIGHT FOUR. AUGUSTO M. FERRANDO, IS DASH DR.  
BUFILE ONE ZERO NINE DASH SIX FOUR. REMMTELS TODAY.  b7C

ASSISTANT SUPERVISING AGENT, U. S. CUSTOMS, MIAMI,  
ADVISED AUGUSTO M. FERRANDO, DOMINICAN CONSUL, MIAMI TAKEN INTO  
CUSTODY EVENING FIVE TWENTYTWO LAST BY CUSTOMS AND GIVEN HEARING  
BEFORE USC, MIAMI CHARGING HIM WITH BRIBERY AND CONSPIRACY TO  
ILLEGALLY EXPORT ARMS AND AMMUNITION. FERRANDO RELEASED ON  
TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS BOND. BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED.  
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TO:	Director, FBI
FROM:	SAC, New York (100-100000)
SUBJECT:	James Earl Ray; AKA; S; C; R; I; D; O; C; U; M; E; N; T; S; ;
	Re New York airtel to Bureau dated 10/1/68.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (104-539)(100-3022)  
FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (92-77)  
SUBJECT: PHILIP FRANK KASTEL, aka.

RE: NEW ORLEANS

Re Bureau airtel to Houston 4/14/59, entitled  
"VIDEL CASTRO, IS - CUBA".

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[redacted] Houston officer, who announced that  
CASTRO has accepted an invitation to visit Houston about 4/28/59.  
is apparently identical with the [redacted] Houston officer,  
who is reported to be an associate of PHILIP FRANK KASTEL, New  
Orleans Top Hoodlum. KASTEL has in the past been reported to be  
interested in establishing gambling connections in Cuba. Houston  
requested to be alert for information which indicates KASTEL is  
attempting to enter gambling field in Cuba.

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[redacted] advised that [redacted] does not desire to meet with [redacted] and the [redacted] of no discussion involving [redacted] in Cuba. [redacted] stated that [redacted] is attempting to [redacted] the Beverly Club has lost \$10,000 in its first three weeks of operation and on a recent visit to Houston it was decided that the Beverly Club would not open for gambling until after the next gubernatorial election which will be in September 1960, in view of the uncertain political situation in [redacted] [redacted]

[redacted] advised that he hoped to be able to persuade CASTRO into visiting the Beverly Club after he leaves Houston en route to Cuba.

The information furnished by [redacted] is known only to [redacted] and a few other individuals listed above. Houston should be most discreet in handling this so as not to disclose the source.

BACKMAN

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, MIAMI

DATE: 5/22/59

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (109-23)

SUBJECT: FIDEL CASTRO  
IS - CUBA

Re Washington Field airtel to the Bureau, 4/18/59; New Orleans airtel to the Bureau, 4/17/59; and New Orleans airtel to the Bureau, 4/23/59.

Referenced Washington Field airtel reflects Miami as office of origin in this case.

There is enclosed for the information of the Miami Office one Thermo-Fax copy each of referenced New Orleans airtels.

A review of this file at New Orleans reflects that all other pertinent information has been reported.

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SAC, LOS ANGELES (105-6516)  
(105-6332)

ANTI-PEDEL CASTRO ACTIVITIES  
IS - CUBA

CUBAN RETALIATION AGAINST  
BATISTA ADHERENTS IN THE U.S.  
IS - CUBA

Re Los Angeles letter to the Bureau dated 4/13/59,  
report of SA [redacted] dated 5/5/59 at Miami in  
first captioned matter, and report of SA [redacted]  
dated 4/30/59 at Miami in second captioned matter.

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Sources in the Cuban field in the Los Angeles area  
have no information that there are any anti-CASTRO activities  
or BATISTA adherents in the Los Angeles area. [redacted]

[redacted] the July 26, Club, Los Angeles,  
stated on 5/14/59 that such is in fact the local situation.

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URGENT 5-25-59 1-55 PM P3M

TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, MIAMI  
FROM SAC, NEW YORK 1-P

ANTI-FIDEL CASTRO ACTIVITIES, IS - CUBA. BUFILE ONE ZERO NINE DASH FIVE EIGHT FOUR. RENYTEL AND AIRTEL APRIL FIFTEEN LAST. REFERENCE IS ALSO MADE TO NEWSPAPER PUBLICITY OF MAY TWENTYTHREE LAST ANNOUNCING ARREST BY US CUSTOMS AGENTS OF FOURTEEN INDIVIDUALS IN ARMS CASE. [ ] SPECIAL INVESTIGATOR, A&TTU, TREASURY DEPT., NYC, ADVISED INSTANT DATE HIS INFORMANT, [ ]

[ ] PROTECT [ ] MENTIONED IN REAIRTEL, ADVISED [ ] HE WAS IN CONTACT WITH A CUBAN IN MIAMI ON SATURDAY LAST, WHO ADVISED [ ] THAT FIVE OF THE ELEVEN ARRESTED BY FEDERAL AUTHORITIES IN MIAMI WERE ACTUALLY CUBANS [ ] IDENTITIES UNKNOWN [ ] WHO WERE USING FORGED DOMINICAN REPUBLIC PASSPORTS AND CONTEMPLATED FLEEING THE JURISDICTION AFTER BAIL HAD BEEN SET. [ ] STATED HIS INFORMANT DECLINED TO IDENTIFY HIS CUBAN CONTACT IN MIAMI.

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ABOVE FURNISHED FOR INFO OF MIAMI FOR ATTENTION USC.

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*None of Cubans arrested*

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*Dominicans*

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Miami, Florida  
May 18, 1959

On May 16, 1959, at about 3:15 p.m., [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] rented a plane at Howe Aviation, Taniami Airport, Miami, and at about 3:15 p.m., left from Brown's Airport, Kendall, Florida, in a Piper Comanche Airplane, Number 5561P. They flew to Cuba and looked around for about 40 minutes trying to find a place to land to pick up an alien to be smuggled back into the United States. They were unable to find the alien and returned to the United States without him. They arrived back in Miami at about 9:00 p.m. b7C

PUJOL contacted [REDACTED] and stated there was a committee of which some of the members had been engaged in fighting communism for about thirty years. PUJOL wanted

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[ ] to meet some of the chiefs of this committee. One person working under PUJOL's influence is a former Cuban Air Force lieutenant named BARONET who is about 5'5", slender, 30 to 35 years of age, 145 lbs., who appears to be in charge of Cuban rebel pilots now in Miami. He and PUJOL are considering a plan to explode a plane over Camp Columbia, Cuba. <sup>BARONET</sup> [ ] wants to purchase about ten military airplanes consisting of P-51 and B-25 bombers. <sup>BARONET</sup> [ ] associates with another person about 5'8", dark complexion, in his 30's, 170 lbs., who also speaks English.

[ ] has been in contact with [ ] the girl who resides at the YWCA and who wants her brother smuggled out of Cuba. [ ] thinks it is a good deal and possibly he and [ ] might make the flight.

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[ ] and [ ] are back from a flight from Costa Rica where they spent about one day. However, they did not mention the nature of their business there.

[ ] was talking to [ ] who saw some loose ammunition in [ ] car. [ ] said that he had been hauling ammunition and that in the car was some that fell out of the boxes.

[ ] said that before September 17, 1959, he expected to be fighting in Cuba. [ ] is interested in

purchasing some B-25's and the manufacture of bombs in Miami.

[ ] came back from New York where he is reportedly obtained some money.

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Pilot [ ] said he is associated with the Sociedad Anti-Comunista de Liberacion and has a number of leaflets to be dropped in Cuba. These leaflets are 12 inches by 15 inches. The top half is red containing two photographs, one photograph of FIDEL CASTRO with a red flag and a hammer and sickle behind him and a photograph of BATISTA. Under the photograph of FIDEL CASTRO he is quoted as saying, "I have planted communism in Cuba and have killed 5,000 Cubans." Under the photograph of BATISTA he says, "I have killed 10,000 Cubans and stole ten million dollars." The bottom of the leaflet printed in black says, "And what have you done for Cuba?" CARLOS said he has 10,000 of these leaflets to drop in Cuba.

Rebel pilots in Miami say that the Cuban Air Force has thirty P-47's, ten T-28's, eight Sea Furies, 16 B-26's and ten T-33's.



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[REDACTED]  
ANTI-FIDEL CASTRO ACTIVITIES  
IS-Cuba

[REDACTED] on 5-12-59 furnished following information. Original contained in  
[REDACTED]

cc 105-1791

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May 12, 1959  
Miami, Fla

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[REDACTED] want to see [REDACTED] at the YSCA  
about bringing her brother into the US. He set the price at \$15,000.

Another meeting is to be Thursday.

The arrangements should be that  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the money when the plane takes off.

Then  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the money to be paid when her brother returns. Probably [REDACTED]  
will fly the plane.

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There is a former CAF pilot living at 2015 SW 6 St., Miami, rear, upstairs,  
who wants an alien brought in US from Pinar del Rio, at a cost of \$500.

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[REDACTED]  
May 15, 1959  
Miami, Fla.

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There is a movement that is loosely operating from 1432 NW 7 Ave., Miami. Six men reside there, former military men, the leader is a former Captain, they don't have much money, but they seem to have contact with someone that does. They don't seem connected with MASENTER. They are interested in bringing a man from Cuba who will come with money.

If this man is brought in the itinerary would be: Fly from MM to Key West, refuel at Key West and then to Pinar Del Rio, Cuba. Then fly back to Marathon or Homestead, Fla.

[REDACTED] is still in New York.

[REDACTED] returned from Costa Rica. It is unknown what he did there.

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ANTI-COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES  
IS-Cuba

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[REDACTED] on 5-20-59 furnished following information. Original contained in [REDACTED]

cc: [REDACTED]

Miami, Florida  
May 20, 1959

JOSE LUIS PUJOL, 1001 NW 22 St., Miami is in contact with [REDACTED] Miami, who is 135 lbs, 5'6" about 24 years old, and a whose father was a doctor in the Cuban Navy and who was reported to hve committed suicide.

PUJOL wants 4 P-51 planes and 2 Vampire jets. IM Also he wants 24 machine guns, 50 caliber ammo and bombs. He has the money in cash to pay for it.

His plan is to get all this equipment, rent an airport, make the installations of the guns, load the planes, and fly out in convoy. The leaders will go in a transport plane and they will head south. Destination unknown. 1000 men from the DR, Miami, Mexico, and Nicaragua will join together for an invasion of Cuba. It is unknown where they will meet or if they will meet prior to invasion. They will attack different places in Cuba. Mountain warfare is not going to be fought.

PUJOL said that [REDACTED] was not too good a man but that he was needed in this military action. The expedition is expected to get under way in about 15 or 20 days.

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PUJOL said that they dont need bombers because they have them. However, he wants one transport bought now and four more later.

[REDACTED] were to go to Cuba on . They were to be in Cuba at 5:30 PM but were late and arrived at about 6:30 PM. When they landed at Key West the refueled with 80 octane gasoline. Man at Key West airport thought the plane belonged to Du Ponte. He called there and was told the plane belonged to Howe Aviation. So he told Howe Aviation that the plane was there. When the plane came back with out the alien, it was left at Miami International along with the 4 life rafts in it. When the person from Howe came and got the plane he saw the life rafts. He told [REDACTED] about it who told US Border Patrol.

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One of the chiefs of JOSSE PUJOL's movement resides at [redacted] Miami; today he went to 168 NE 25 St, and saw a former Cuban Army sergeant, a negro about 25 years old.

At the 25 St address resides a Cuban who is the Pastor of a Baptist Church located near 79 Court and NE 2nd Ave, by Biscayne Blvd.

Another member of PUJOL's group resides at 812 NW 24 St., Miami.

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[redacted] said he wants to buy a B - 25 airplane and also manufacture some bombs here in Miami.

[redacted] a Cuban girl, works as a cashier at the Coffee Shop at the airport. She is a member of PUJOL's group.

[redacted] called [redacted] who said his line was tapped and he was afraid to talk. He planned to call [redacted]

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[redacted] on 5-4-59 furnished the following:  
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Miami, Florida  
May 4, 1959

[redacted] said he was picked up by INS; placed under arrest, and questioned concerning about bringing an alien into the US. He said INS asked him if when he landed with the alien, he landed at Tamiami Airport. [redacted] denied any participation in this. He contacted the alien that he flew in and told him not to change his story.

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[redacted] said that he had previously told [redacted] that he landed with the alien at Tamiami Airport, whereas, he actually landed at Miami International Airport.

Inasmuch as INS mentioned Tamiami Airport, [redacted] suspected

[redacted] of informing. [redacted] anticipated seeing ROLANDO MASFERRER about a plan to either shoot or drop [redacted] at

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Camp Colombia, Cuba.

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EMILIO AIPAZAR PEREZ, 2356 SW 12th St., Miami,  
is a former Cuban AF pilot now becoming active in revolutionary  
matters. He has put [ ] in touch with another  
group. This group is interested in sabotage in Cuba and  
will pay money for plans and equipment and wants [ ]  
to go to Cuba. b7C

The Cuban pilots want to buy an AT-6 plane and  
train and then buy a P-51 plane to attack Cuba. Two of  
these pilots were the ones who flew [ ] back to the  
US when he was put out of Cuba.

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NY - PHIL : JUNE 1959  
TO : PHIL

[redacted] on 5-7-59 furnished following information:  
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Miami, Florida  
May 7, 1959

[redacted] talked to ROLANDO MASFERRER on May 5, 1959. The conversation involved communist infiltration into Cuba. MASFERRER stated he expected fighting to break out in Cuba during the month of June, 1959. All men and ammunition necessary for anti-CASTRO revolution are in Cuba. A source recently returned from Cuba and told MASFERRER that there was a plan in Cuba to attack Nicaragua sometime in June, 1959. MASFERRER has no use for CASTRO or BATISTA, and expects to take over Cuba

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after the coming anti-CASTRO revolution. MASFERRER said that [ ] wanted to be the big boss in anti-CASTRO activities.

At the time [ ] contacted MASFERRER, [ ] was there in addition to [ ] and EVELIO ALPIZAR PEREZ, telephone number [ ]

ALPIZAR is associated with former Cuban Air Force pilots [ ] Miami, and [ ] phone numbers [ ] and [ ]

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JOSE LUIS PUJOL, 1001 S. W. 22nd St., is a friend of these rebel pilots and wants to have FIDEL and RAUL CASTRO, CHE GUEVARRA and HERMAN MARKS assassinated. He was interested in having [ ] drop leaflets in Cuba. PUJOL is about 5'11", 165 pounds, well dressed businessman type, speaks English fairly well.

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He also is considering a plan to destroy 3 Cuban Navy ships in the Havana harbor. He is considering either using frog-men or a radio controlled airplane.

[redacted] YMCA Room 212, contacted [redacted] and said she was interested in her brother being taken out of Cuba. The brother was a Lt. under [redacted] and has been hiding in Cuba for four months. She is willing to pay to have him smuggled into the U. S.

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[redacted] said that [redacted] of the Cuban Air Force, residing at Green Mansions, Miami Springs, contacted [redacted] at Howell Aviation, Tamiami Airport.

ENRIQUE LOBES ARTILES and his son were on Miami Beach contacting pilots to go to Cuba to rescue Batistianos. This is a trap.

[redacted] said there are 4 main resistance groups in Miami and all are satellites of MASFERRER.

MASFERRER said there is unity now between the Batistianos and anti-BATISTIANOS, including some people formerly with FIDEL CASTRO. This unity is against CASTRO. The reason there is unity is that the new government will promise no reprisals after CASTRO is removed, and they expect killings for the first two or three days for vengeance purposes. They promise elections within 60 days, candidates to take office within 90 days. MASFERRER said he was formerly a communist. He said that [ ] was helping him and he planned to repay [ ] within six months.

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[ ] recently took a civil service examination for U. S. Border Patrol. He was previously in U. S. Army and left last Saturday to go to Tampa, accompanied by an airline stewardess.

[ ]<sup>2</sup> and [ ] will go to Costa Rica tomorrow and be in care of [ ] [ ] San Jose, Costa Rica. They will go by airline and probably be contacted by Panamanian revolutionists.

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[redacted] on 5-21-59 furnished following information. Original contained  
in [redacted]  
cc: [redacted]

Miami, Fla.  
May 21, 1959

[redacted] went to the house at 1851 SW 19 Stl, Miami, and talked to  
the leaders of the revolutionary junta for the Anti-Communist Crusade.  
One of the leaders is SALVADORE DIAZ, who for 39 years has been fighting  
communism.

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This group wants all sorts of military equipment including boots, uniforms,  
and other clothing equipment. However, all plans are temporarily suspended  
because a call was received from Guatemala that four boats full of Cubans  
from Pinar Del Rio, Cuba were off the Guatemalan coast for an invasion.  
DIAZ is working with JOSE LUIS PUJOL and they are expecting aid from Guatemala.  
They also expect aid from Panama, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, and  
Nicaragua.

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[REDACTED] on 5-22-59 furnished following information. Original contained

[REDACTED]

cc: [REDACTED]

Miami, Florida  
May 22, 1959

Today JOSE LUIS PUJOL asked to obtain equipment necessary to equip soldiers for revolutionary warfare. PUJOL told [REDACTED] that their base is in Guatemala, that government is going to help them, and that they will take only a few men from Miami with them when they go. b7C

PUJOL said they have men in Cuba, and indicated that their plan would be as follows: They would leave Miami with all their equipment and airplanes and eventually arrive in Cuba. They would arrive at some airfield and there would deliver the equipment to rebels there who took over the area.

PUJOL'S operation seems to be just one of many groups that are working on the air ~~inv~~ invasion of Cuba. There will be many more groups from different places that will launch airborne operation against Cuba. It seems that at this time the plan is to go directly to Cuba from Miami.

[REDACTED] indicated that FIDEL CASTRO has an island off the Yucatan Province in Mexico, that he uses for his Air Force. He bribes the Mexican government.

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[REDACTED]

PUJOL was formerly a representative from Matanzas Province in Cuba.

After 1-1-59 he was accused by the "barbudos" of stealing money. He subsequently fled to the United States.

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PUJOL said that MASTERER is a fine person and intelligent but that he could never be active in politics again. As is true of GENERAL FRANCISCO TABERNILLA.

[ ] is talking about "paying off" the sheriff of Dade County, Florida. However, the accuracy of this is unknown. Maybe he was just expressing an idea.

PUJOL is temporarily away from Miami. Whereabouts unknown.

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Date:

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plain text or code)Via \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

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DATE 3-13-85 BY [signature]TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SACS WASHINGTON FIELD AND NEW YORK  
FROM SAC MIAMI

ANTI FIDEL CASTRO ACTIVITIES, IS - CUBA. REMYTEL MAY TWENTY NINE.

[redacted] ADVISED CONFIDENTIALLY TODAY THAT DR. EMILIO NUNEZ PORTUONDO DISCLOSED THIS MORNING THAT HE AND HIS WIFE ARE DEPARTING TEN AM VIA TRAIN FROM FORT LAUDERDALE FOR WASHINGTON, D. C. IN CARE WINDSOR PARK HOTEL, POSSIBLY WARDMAN PARK HOTEL, FOR PERIOD TEN DAYS DURING WHICH TIME HE PLANS CONFER WITH STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS CONCERNING CUBAN SITUATION [redacted] WHO CLAIMS HE IS FRIENDLY TO ALL ANTI CASTRO GROUPS IN MIAMI BUT ACTUALLY MEMBER OF NONE, STATES THESE GROUPS NOW BESET BY DISAGREEMENTS AND ANTI CASTRO MOVEMENT APPEARS TO HAVE LOST SOME OF ITS ENTHUSIASM. FUTURE ACTION DEPENDS UPON RESULTS VISIT NUNEZ PORTUONDO TO WASHINGTON. [redacted] LEARNED THAT NEW ANTI CASTRO GROUP HEADED BY SALUADO DIAZVERSION, PROFESSIONAL CUBAN ANTI COMMUNIST, AND BY JOSE LUIS PUJOL, HAVE ABOUT SIXTY MEN WHO PLAN DEPART MIAMI VIA COMMERCIAL AIRLINE IN SMALL GROUPS TO GUATEMALA WHERE THEY WILL UNITE WITH A LARGER GROUPS ALREADY THERE FOR MILITARY TRAINING PREPARATORY INVASION OF CUBA FROM GUATEMALA. [redacted] STATED THAT DIAZ VERSION AND PUJOL HAVE ALLEGEDLY RECEIVED MONEY FROM AGUSTO FERRANDO, DOMINICAN CONSUL GENERAL, MIAMI.

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Approved: LOT/HAA/tem  
GED:tem  
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Sent 10:56 P.M.

Per tem

Special Agent in Charge

cc:109-1; 105-18643; 105-1861

[redacted]